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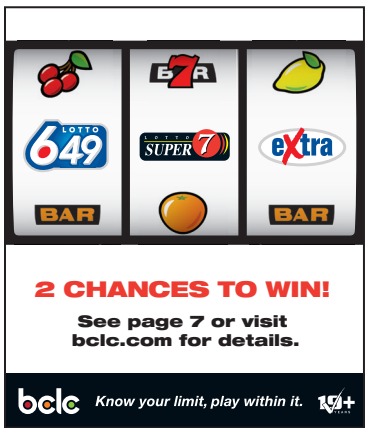

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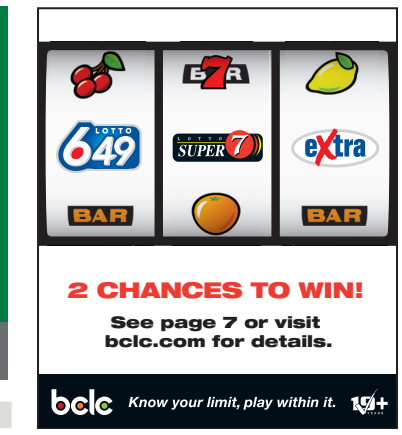

RCMP Taser allegedly suicidal teen

COQUITLAM A 16-year-old boy "asking to be killed" was Tasered by Coquitlam RCMP Thursday, police said.

Mounties responding to a call about several men fighting were told that one of them had a knife. They were also told that one of the men involved wanted to commit suicide.

A 16-year-old boy, with blood on his sweater and face, stood nearby and shouted at police that he wanted to be killed, according to RCMP Cpl. Peter Thiessen. He added the boy was recognized as someone recently arrested by Coquitlam officers.

Fearing the youth was armed, police asked him repeatedly to lay down, but were ignored, police said. Mounties then Tasered him.

The boy had earlier been reported missing from his youth home in Burnaby.

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Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

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Vision Coun. Raymond Louie, outside city hall Thursday, wants to create a public bike-sharing program in Vancouver that would allow members to borrow bikes for short periods. **Story, pg 2**

Rogers' farewell cost $500K

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Former city manager Judy Rogers received a golden handshake worth more than half-a-million dollars when she was forced to vacate city hall by Vancouver's new council in December.

Rogers received a severance package of $571,788, according to the minutes of a Dec. 12, in-camera council meeting.

The documents were released Thursday to a CBC reporter who requested the documents through the Freedom of Information Act.

"The number sounds big to people, but it's the right number," Vision Coun. Geoff Meggs said Thursday.

"It's the number that both the law and common sense require for someone of her seniority and her experience and her contribution to the city."

Rogers had served as city manager since 1999 and had worked at city hall for 20 years.

At the time, Mayor Gregor Robertson said the decision to replace Rogers with new city manager Penny Ballem supported the new council's "agenda for change."

In a Dec. 12 news release, Robertson said Rogers had made an enormous contribution and had "worked hard to make Vancouver the great city it is today."

Meggs said the size of Rogers' settlement might be a surprise to a person earning an average salary, but was appropriate given that she was a senior executive, earning a very large salary.

It is believed that Rogers was earning more than $300,000.

"When she leaves a position," Meggs said, "she's entitled to consideration, and the law sets out how you make that calculation and this is the number that gets produced."

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Avalanche centre warns of high risk this weekend

DANGER Skiiers and snowboarders are being warned not to go out of bounds this weekend because of an extreme risk of avalanches — the most recent of which has killed a man near 100 Mile House.

That slide, which swept the snowmobiler down Mica Mountain on Wednesday, brought the death toll of people killed in British Columbia avalanches this winter to 19.

John Kelly, operations manager with the Canadian Avalanche Centre, told Metro Vancouver on Thursday that the storms hitting South Coast mountains have piled heavy snow on top of weaker layers.

"That is going to drive the avalanche danger right through the roof, so in the Sea-to-Sky corridor we're calling the avalanche danger extreme," Kelly said.

"We're most concerned about backcountry activities … in uncontrolled areas," he said, adding that the danger of slides can linger well past when storms have dissipated, and that's when fatalities happen.

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Richmond En Vogue

En Vogue will be performing at the River Rock Show Theatre in Richmond at 8 p.m. on Friday. The Grammy Award-winning R&B quartet, which formed 20 years ago, has won more MTV Video Music Awards than any other female group in history. **METRO CALGARY**

Local

Quarantines lifted

Avian flu quarantines on 22 Fraser Valley farms were lifted on Thursday by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency after the farms completed a 21-day surveillance and testing period. Nine farms remain under quarantine.

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Ellard to remain in jail for now

SAM SMITH
for Metro Vancouver

COURTS Kelly Ellard's request for bail has been adjourned.

The B.C. Court of Appeal ruled on Thursday that until the Supreme Court of Canada rules on an appeal in her case, Ellard must remain in jail.

Ellard took part in the beating and drowning of Reena Virk in Victoria 12 years ago.

The Supreme Court is set to hear the appeal on April 20. It typically takes four months to make decisions.

Ellard was convicted in 2000, but that decision was overturned on appeal. In 2004, her second trial ended in a hung jury and she was eventually convicted in 2005 and sentenced to life in prison.

'Pedalling' a bike program

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Vision Coun. Raymond Louie is peddling — or pedalling — a public bike-sharing program for the City of Vancouver.

Members of the program would be able to borrow bicycles from kiosks throughout the downtown core and the more densely populated northside of the city, north of 16th Avenue and east to Commercial Drive.

Short trips would be free, while trips longer than a half hour would likely carry a charge, Louie said.

"If people get out of work and decide they want to go to the mall or down to the park, they can hop on a bike and get from point A to point B without getting into their vehicles," Louie said.

Ideally, Louie added, a bike-sharing program could be implemented with little cost to the city through sponsorships, advertising or a combination of both.

Louie's motion, which goes before council Tuesday, directs staff to explore a large-scale bike sharing demonstration project by February 2010.

"We're hoping to jumpstart (bike ridership) considerably as a result of this public bike-share system," Louie said. "We're going to have potentially 3,000 bicycles introduced to our city."

Former NPA Coun. Peter Ladner had advocated for a regional public bike-sharing program tied in to TransLink.

Around the world

- Bike-sharing programs are in place in a number of cities around the world, including Paris and Montreal.

9-1-1 calls spike during one-hour power failure

SAM SMITH
for Metro Vancouver

OUTAGE An electricity outage Thursday gave downtown workers an impromptu hour-long break.

More than 17,000 business and residential customers were without power in the blackout that affected areas from Stanley Park to Cambie Street.

Chris Funk, style director at Blo hair salon in Yaletown, said he had to act fast to avoid losing business.

"We've had to call our clients to tell them to go to our salon on Granville (Street), which is still open," Funk said. "Our salon at the Four Seasons is down too."

Judy Brooks, CEO of Blo, said the power outage caused her some personal grief as well.

"I was in the middle of the blow dry when all of a sudden the power went out," Brooks said. "My hair is still wet."

A problem at the Del Grauer underground substation caused the outage.

While power was down, 9-1-1 operators reported 10 times more calls than average to the fire department, mainly from fire alarms and stalled elevators.

The lights were back on by 12:40 p.m.

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Stylist Chris Funk, left, and Judy Brooks contemplate what to do after a massive power outage in Vancouver leaves Brooks high and partially dry at Blo salon in Yaletown on Thursday.

Property tax hike looming over Vancouver

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BUDGET Homeowners in Vancouver could see their property taxes rise by almost eight per cent this year.

The increase is despite the city identifying savings of more than $16 million, including almost $7 million from a hiring freeze put in place at the beginning of last month.

The total tax increase to maintain existing services is 5.7 per cent.

When combined with a property tax shift of one per cent from business to residential, it would see residential rates rise by 7.8 per cent and business rates by 3.8 per cent.

According to the 2009 interim budget estimates released Thursday, Vancouver's development sector has been significantly impacted by the global economic downturn.

Revenue

- In the past three months, revenue projections from development have fallen by $12 million, a drop of roughly 50 per cent.

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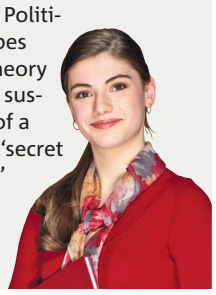

News in brief

TIME SERVED A man convicted for his role in the beating of Surrey teenager Michael Levy — who was left a quadriplegic — has had his sentence reduced because the trial judge didn't give him credit for time served. Enrique Quintana's 10-year sentence was reduced by eight months.

GM PLACE Negotiations between GM Place food service workers and their employer, Aramark, are still ongoing. The talks are being facilitated by a mediator and the union has not ruled out another walkout, according to spokesperson Michelle Travis.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Red Scorpion and Bacon brother associate Dennis Karbovanec has moved out of Port Moody. Mayor Joe Trasolini told CKNW radio the city is feeling safer. There's no word on Karbovanec's new address.

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Carnival honours loved one

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The only person who will be absent from Roop Lalli's 23rd birthday party this year will be the birthday girl herself, but that's not stopping her friends and family from celebrating.

Roop died of a rare form of lung cancer last summer. On May 3 — the day before her birthday — a carnival will be held to celebrate her life and raise money for the disease that killed her.

Roop Lalli

Neetu Lalli, Roop's sister, said Roop created a Relay For Life team after being diagnosed with cancer. In four years they raised more than $50,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

"This is our first year without Roop as our team captain," said Neetu. "We wanted to continue her legacy … (and) do something really spectacular this year, and came up with the Carnival For Life."

Vendors and entertainers are donating their time, games and food to the carnival, which will be held at Garden City Park in Richmond.

Admission will be free and proceeds from tickets for rides, games and refreshments will go to the Canadian Cancer Society.

"(Roop) was a goofy, outgoing, fun person, so this seemed something (she would have loved)," said Neetu, who added that organizing the event has been an important part of the healing process.

"Roop had a lot of family support — people to drive her to appointments and stay with her in the hospital. But we've met a lot of people who didn't have that support … (and that's what this is for)," Neetu said. "This is to celebrate all the survivors, and celebrate the memories of all those who have passed away."

Annual tribute

- Roop Lalli's friends and family hope to make the Carnival For Life an annual event. For more information visit rooplalli.com.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER
Neetu Lalli, in Vancouver on Thursday, is organizing a fair to raise money for cancer research and celebrate the memory of her late sister.

Langley man killed in Lower Mainland's latest shootings

DEATH One man has died and police are trying to determine if a second victim was injured in the Lower Mainland's two most recent shootings.

RCMP were called to Hi-Knoll Park on the border of Surrey and Langley early Thursday morning after the body of a 33-year-old Langley man was discovered there.

Cpl. Dale Carr said the victim, who wasn't known to police, was found shot beside a vehicle in the parking lot. "Police have not made any conclusive links to drugs, gangs or organized crime," said Carr. "This shooting has the signature of being targeted."

The victim's identity is being withheld until his family is notified.

Meanwhile, police in Vancouver are trying to piece together details of a shooting in Yaletown on Wednesday night.

Residents reported shots being fired on Drake Street around 7:30 p.m. When officers arrived they discovered shell casings on the ground, but no victims or suspects have been found.

KRISTEN THOMPSON/ METRO VANCOUVER

MLA slams East Vancouver 'reno-viction'

HOUSING Four tenants have been evicted and another 15 are being told to move out of an East Vancouver building so the landlord can renovate — a move being called a "reno-viction" by NDP MLA Jenny Kwan.

The representative for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant said the real reason for the evictions is a desire to raise the rent ahead of the 2010 Olympic Games. "I came to politics as a housing advocate and it's simply wrong for landlords to bypass the residential tenancy act."

According to Kwan, the city has confirmed that no development permits have been issued for the building.

Ron Tran, one of the tenants who received an eviction notice at the end of February, said the landlord offered him free rent for one month if he leaves at the end of April.

"I really like the neighbourhood and rent is very affordable for me right now," Tran said. "If I have to move, this is going to be stressful for me. I don't have anywhere to go and I feel that the landlord is ripping me off. This is wrong." DOMINIQUE ARMAND/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

DOMINIQUE ARMAND/FOR METRO VANCOUVER
Ron Tran at his East Vancouver apartment on Thursday.

Local South Asian community seeks action on violence

FORUM Members of the Lower Mainland's South Asian community are holding a forum in Surrey to unveil their action plan for combating youth violence.

Attorney general Wally Oppal and solicitor general John van Dongen will be among those attending the South Asian Community Coalition Against Youth Violence at the Grand Taj Banquet Hall in Surrey on April 3.

The coalition is made up of service organizations, academic institutions, community stakeholders, various Sikh temples and citizens.

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Local breaks South Pole record

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Kevin Vallely's 1,000-kilometre walking journey to the South Pole last December was fuelled by a desire to break a world record and a lot of fatty foods. Yes, calories galore.

The Vancouver native succeeded in breaking the record by doing it in 33 days, beating the previous best by six days. And he did it on a diet of sticks of butter, deep-fried bacon and pemmican (a mixture of fat and protein).

"We're eating two to three times what the average person eats and I still lost 20 pounds," Vallely said, adding he consumed roughly 7,000 calories per day.

KEVIN VALLELY/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Ray Zahab and Richard Weber trek through the ice tundra of Antarctica during their record-breaking 1,100-kilometre trip to the South Pole.

The excursion, which Vallely will talk about at this weekend's Great Outdoors Show, took him and two companions through storms, crevasses and bone-chilling winds while dragging 218 kilograms of food, fuel and clothing to send one message — nothing is impossible.

Accompanied by world-renowned traveller Richard Weber and marathon runner Ray Zahab, Vallely said he knew he had a chance of making history. "Weber is one of the most experienced guys in the world and Ray Zahab just ran across the Sahara," Vallely added.

The Great Outdoors Show takes place at the Fraser Valley Trade and Exhibition Centre this weekend. Vallely's presentations are on Friday and Saturday.

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B.C. Greens release platform

POLITICS To address the serious issues of our time, such as violence and global warming, "we have to do things differently," according to B.C. Green party Leader Jane Sterk.

Sterk

On Thursday, the party released its platform, with a call to legalize marijuana, ban Tasers and immediately address climate change.

"The current gang wars are a result of the failed war on drugs," Sterk added. "The last time in history we saw this kind of violence was during the prohibition of alcohol." METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

FIRE Police say an arsonist that gutted a Surrey restaurant has caused $1 million in damage. It took six fire crew to extinguish the blaze at the Loft Pub and Lounge on 188th Street early Wednesday morning. No suspects have been identified.

ARRESTED RCMP have arrested a car thief and returned a stolen Jaguar and three other vehicles to their owners after a police chase in Surrey. The suspect was followed by a police helicopter until he hit a power pole and was arrested by officers.

HEALTH B.C. Women's Hospital is opening an Aboriginal health gazebo Friday, providing a space for ceremonies like smudging for Aboriginal patients. METRO VANCOUVER

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Prosecution a no-show in Ethiopia terror trial
Bashir Makhtal, a Canadian jailed in Ethiopia on terrorism charges, made a brief court appearance Thursday before the case was adjourned because none of the six prosecution witnesses showed up. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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TSB examining crash data

The Transportation Safety Board said Thursday it has everything it needs to determine what caused a Cougar Helicopters aircraft to plunge into the North Atlantic one week ago, killing 17 people. The TSB's lead investigator told CBC that the recovery of the wreckage has been so swift that investigators have not had time to analyze what they have collected. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Immigrants faring better in suburbs

Cities struggling to meet labour needs: Study

Recent immigrants in smaller suburban communities are faring better than those setting roots in big cities when it comes to jobs, incomes and home-ownership, says a new study that measures newcomers' life quality across Canada.

While the majority of all types of immigrants still settle in big cities, an increasing number of established immigrants — those who come under the economic class as investors and skilled professionals — are headed to smaller communities. Also, immigrants here as dependants under family unifications, or as refugees, are more likely to concentrate in big cities, said the report, released Thursday by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The suburbanization trends, partially a result of Ottawa's push to spread immigrants evenly across the country, have led to a lose-lose situation for large and small communities alike: While big cities are finding it harder to meet their labour needs with the exodus of well-educated and highly skilled immigrants, their smaller counterparts struggle to accommodate the influx.

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Numbers

- For example, the number of newcomers settling in Toronto suburbs grew by an average of 72.5 per cent in 2006, while Toronto received 29 per cent fewer newcomers in the same period. Other gateway cities like Vancouver and Montreal saw a similar trend.

Quebec **Going into deficit**

JACQUES BOISSINOT/REUTERS

Quebec's Finance Minister Monique Jerome-Forget, centre, acknowledges applause as she unveils the province's new budget Thursday in Quebec City. Quebec's Liberal government said Thursday it would run budget deficits for the next four years and predicted the economy would shrink in 2009, but also promised to boost spending to help fend off the global crisis.

News in brief

FUNDING A spokesman for the federal Heritage Department confirmed Thursday that Ottawa has drawn up plans for regulatory and tax changes to help major broadcasters deal with a growing shortfall in TV advertising revenue.

WELFARE As of February there were 214,363 Ontario Works welfare cases in total, the most since 2000, according to a new report. Experts say that Ontario is now seeing the delayed effect of massive job losses experienced last year as people run out of money.

FILM BID Actor Leonard Nimoy, who used to play Star Trek's Mr. Spock, told local media he is throwing his support behind the town of Vulcan in its bid to premiere the new Star Trek film. Vulcan is just 120 km southeast of Calgary.

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Cartel leader's son arrested: Mexico
Mexico said Thursday it had captured the alleged drug smuggler son of a leader of Mexico's powerful Sinaloa cartel, one of the highest-profile catches of the government's two-year war on drug gangs. REUTERS

World

Lab mishaps raise security fears

Lab accidents involving bird flu and Ebola viruses have increased biosecurity fears in Europe, where public health experts say research on dangerous pathogens needs to be more strictly monitored. A scientist in Germany last week pricked herself with a needle that was believed to be contaminated with a strain of the Ebola haemorrhagic virus with a mortality rate of around 90 per cent. REUTERS

Fritzl gets life in psych ward

COURTS Josef Fritzl was sentenced to life in a psychiatric institution on Thursday for locking up and raping his daughter over 24 years, fathering seven children with her, and causing the death of an infant son.

"I accept the verdict," the 73-year-old Austrian told the court after the unanimous decision by the three-man, five-woman jury in St Poelten.

The trial outcome cannot be appealed.

Court officials said Fritzl would return to St. Poelten jail for the time being pending transfer to an institution for mentally ill offenders where he could get therapy.

They said his condition would be re-evaluated in 15 years and, in theory, if he were deemed cured, he could be released.

Fritzl had pleaded guilty in the four-day trial to incest, rape, enslavement, coercion and murder, by neglect for confining his daughter, now 42, in a purpose-built, windowless cellar under his home for almost a quarter century.

REUTERS

News in brief

PROTESTS Hundreds of thousands across France on Thursday began protests expected to draw at least a million demonstrators to the streets to denounce President Nicolas Sarkozy's handling of the economic crisis.

MISSILES The United States could intercept a North Korean missile launched toward U.S. territory with "high probability" the top U.S. commander for the Pacific region said Thursday.

REUTERS

Washington **Celebrating Ladies**

KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

U.S. first lady Michelle Obama greets actress Fran Drescher right, and singer Sheryl Crow, centre, at the White House to celebrate Women's History Month in Washington Thursday. A group of 21 women at the top of their fields joined the first lady in speaking with students about career goals.

AIG provides recipient list

American International Group Inc., complying with a subpoena, provided details of bonus recipients to New York attorney general Andrew Cuomo, his office said Thursday.

"I have received the list of AIG Financial Products employees who received retention payouts," said Cuomo, the state's top legal officer, who had set a deadline of the end of the business day.

"We are aware of the security concerns of AIG employees, and we will be sensitive to those issues by doing a risk assessment before releasing any individual's name," he said.

For months, Cuomo has been pressing for details on the billions of dollars paid to executives at several banks that received U.S. government bailout money. His probe is intended to determine whether the companies broke securities laws on disclosure. At AIG, $165 million US in bonuses were paid to executives who brought the company close to collapse. REUTERS

Strong message

- In the face of public outrage at the fact that AIG paid bonuses after receiving government aid, the House voted 328-93 to approve a 90 per cent tax on bonuses for executives at companies that are getting taxpayer-financed help.

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Sweden to scrap century-old military draft
The neutral country will halt compulsory service by mid-2010, instead relying on a part- volunteer, part-professional military.
Sweden has not been to war since early in the 19th century but takes part in international peacekeeping operations. REUTERS

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Berlin Mayor Klaus Wowereit stands next to a concrete domino representing a part of the Berlin Wall on Wednesday.

Israel's military accused

Israel's military was rocked yesterday by Gaza war veterans' accounts of soldiers' killings of civilians and allegations that deep contempt for Palestinians pervaded its ranks.

The soldiers, alumni of a military academy, gathered last month to discuss their experiences in the Gaza war that ended in January.

A soldier's claim

- A soldier recalled an incident where a shooter killed a Palestinian mother and her two kids after they walked the wrong way.

The institution's director said the soldiers pointed to an atmosphere within the military of "unbridled contempt for, and forcefulness against the Palestinians."

Excerpts from the veterans' discussion appeared yesterday on the front page of the Haaretz daily.

The Israeli military said it had ordered an investigation. REUTERS

Dominoes used to celebrate in Berlin

BERLIN Berliners plan to topple a two kilometre-long chain of giant "dominoes" along the path of the wall that once separated communist east from the west, to mark the 20th anniversary of its fall.

"We want to knock over the wall once again," said Klaus Wowereit, mayor of Berlin. Assembly of more than 1,000 styrofoam slabs, each 2.5 metres high and one metre wide, is beginning this week.

The "dominoes" will be decorated by young people from Berlin and abroad in a myriad different styles. REUTERS

NASA harnesses sun's energy

DISCOVERY Two space shuttle astronauts floated outside the International Space Station yesterday to attach a final set of solar panel wings to bring the orbital outpost to full power.

Attached to the station is a 31,000-pound segment that contains panels studded with solar cells to collect light from the sun. With the new wings, the station will be able to generate enough electricity to power about 42 average U.S. homes.

NASA and its partners plan to use the extra power to support an expanded, six-person crew and more science experiments. REUTERS

News in brief

U.K. Britain will charge overseas workers and students from outside Europe a levy on their visas to raise 70 million pounds over two years to help pay for public services, such as easing financial strains in areas where there had been high levels of immigration. Applicants for work visas and their dependents will pay 50 pounds each, and students will be charged 20. REUTERS

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Shocking energy salesmen

Marketplace

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How not to get had:
• Read Wendy Mesley's tip sheet on how not to get sucked in by the high pressure sales tactics employed by some.

In an investigation, CBC News: Marketplace has exposed the tactics used by door-to-door salespeople working for some big energy companies.

Most everyone has heard complaints about sales agents selling contracts for natural gas and electricity, and using their powers of persuasion to get you to sign up and lock in to a fixed price. It's a decision that could save or cost you hundreds of dollars.

With so much at stake, the salespeople are supposed to follow provincial codes of conduct governing their behaviour during the sales pitch.

The rules state they can't mislead consumers, make false statements, misrepresent who they are, nor can they exert undue pressure.

But during sales pitches caught on tape in a hidden camera investigation, every sales agent is seen overstepping the rules.

One salesperson recorded during the investigation promises that signing up for an electricity contract would lead to savings: "In five years guaranteed. There's no way the price of hydro is going to stay the same as it is today."

In another instance, an energy sales person, who did not know he was being recorded, is heard telling a consumer, "These protection plans have always proven to save at least a thousand dollars over the five-year period."

That's a big "no-no," because cost savings are never a sure thing, according to leading experts who crunched the numbers at EnergyShop.com

In fact, over the last 10 years, when comparing the best gas prices of retailers to the prices of the public utility in Ontario, 44 per cent of the time consumers would have lost money by locking in; 56 per cent of the time, they would have saved.

As for electricity, consumers have fared far worse.

Using Ontario data since August 2005, fully 100 per cent of the time consumers would have lost money by signing up for even the best retailer rate compared to the public utility.

Former sales agents who were interviewed say they were trained to manipulate consumers in order to earn sales commissions.

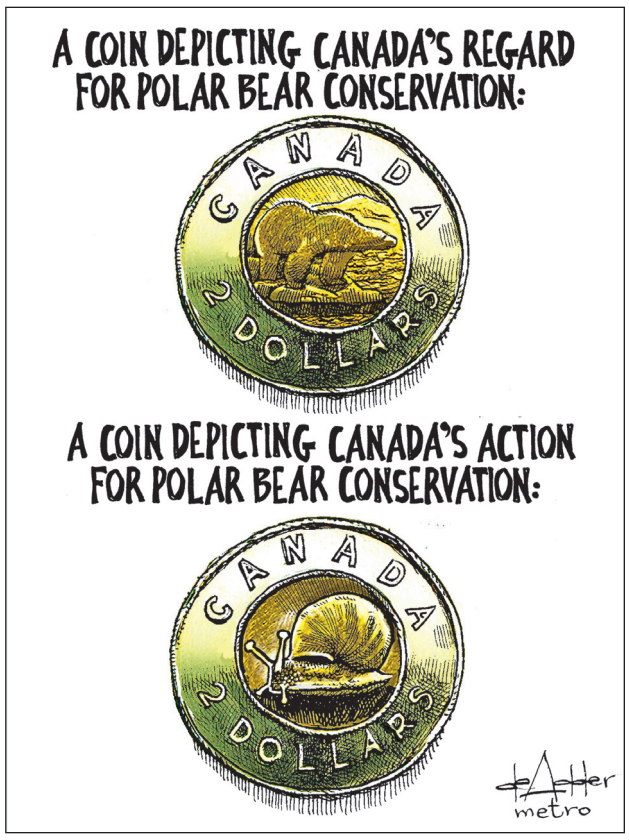
An experienced insider who had worked for three of the big retailers says fellow sales agents even used outright deception at the door.

Shane Pospisil of the Ontario Energy Association is a top lobbyist for the industry.

He concedes that the pitches caught on camera misrepresent the contract being offered. "We would find this behaviour unacceptable."

Pospisil says his organization is "going to look at what we can do to clean up some of the root causes," and adds that "major self-regulatory initiatives (are) underway."

Wendy Mesley is a co-host of CBC News: Marketplace, Canada's award-winning consumer affairs show, and a regular back-up host with CBC News: The National. CBC News: Marketplace airs each Friday night at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.



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Views

Who would you pass the Olympic flame to?

UrbanCompass

If you had a chance to pass the Olympic flame to someone, who would that be?

That intriguing question was asked by the pollster for RBC, torch relay sponsor for the 2010 games last month. It could be any prominent Canadian, dead or living, so it's not surprising that 44 per cent picked Terry Fox, legendary embodiment of the spirit that is truly Olympic, once you get past all the baggage.

The usual gang of CanCon icons was represented: Wayne Gretzky and Pierre Trudeau occupied second and third place respectively, and people would like to pass the torch to Celine Dion, Gordie Howe, Oscar Peterson, Nancy Greene, Rick Hansen, Tommy Douglas, Emily Carr, and even Rene Levesque, who would have been challenged to run the 300 metres required, considering his three-pack-a-day habit.

The question was not: "Who would you pass the bill for the 2010 Games to?" That's easy: Premier Campbell, who will, one way or another pass it back to you and me, the true inheritors of the Olympic debt, er, legacy.

But the question got me thinking. With all due respect to the memory of Terry Fox and his incredible Marathon of Hope, I'd like to pass it to someone who is still alive. Of the above list, (I'd like to hand Celine Dion a cork, but that's another column), I'd nominate Rick Hansen. Lest we forget, he pushed his wheelchair around the world on behalf of spinal cord injury research — 40,000 kilometres across 34 countries.

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

There are also living Canadian Olympians who are all about the spirit. My favourite is Simon Whitfield, the incredible triathlete who demonstrated indomitable courage in the 2000 games in Sydney, where he got caught in a bike pileup and still finished in an Olympic record time. Then he did it again in 2008 in Beijing, where he came from nowhere and ran the most courageous final sprint I've ever seen and finished second to win the silver medal. OK, it's the summer Olympics, but you have to admit, he's a better choice than Rene Levesque. Celine Dion's a better choice than Rene Levesque.

My next choice, after Rick Hansen and Simon Whitfield, would be a kid, any kid, with all the energy, enthusiasm and optimism that go with the territory. For better or worse, he or she will own the future, and if anyone needs the courage and determination that drives the Olympic spirit, it's the next generation.

Here, kid: take it, with all my hope and trust. And thanks.

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Worth Mentioning

Baggy-trousered teen hit with fine for cheeky flash

An Australian teenager wearing baggy trousers and no underwear was fined after his pants fell down just as a female police officer was walking past, a newspaper reported on Thursday.

Trent Joseph Wroe, 19, was fined $168, and ordered to wear a belt, after the Feb. 28 incident in Mooloolaba in the northern Queensland state, the Sunshine Coast Daily newspaper reported.

Police told a magistrate's court that Wroe deliberately bared his buttocks, but Wroe said he was wearing a pair of borrowed pants which were too big and fell down in the wrong place at the wrong time.

He said he would apologize to the police officer, and promised to wear a belt and underwear in future.

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Microsoft exec hopes for Yahoo talks

Microsoft Corp. chief executive Steve Ballmer said Thursday the only discussion he's had with Yahoo Inc.'s top executive was a single phone call, but is holding out hopes for further talks. Ballmer still covets a search partnership with Yahoo. REUTERS

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Gold, oil drive TSX

Toronto's main stock index closed higher for an eighth straight session Thursday as the U.S. Federal Reserve's plan to fight the recession boosted commodity prices and buoyed the resource-heavy index.

Energy and gold-mining companies headlined the rally, which was largely a continuation from Wednesday's surge after the Fed unexpectedly said it would buy long-term Treasury bonds in a bid to revive the recession-hit economy.

The S&P/TSX composite index rose 61.39 points, or 0.71 per cent, to 8,690.49.

The key Toronto index is now up 16 per cent from the five-year low hit two weeks ago and finished the session at its highest closing level since Feb. 11.

Shares of Suncor Energy, the key driver behind the rally, rose seven per cent to close at $33.40, while EnCana Corp. closed up 4.8 per cent at $53.02.

Shares of gold miners rallied as the price of gold shot to a three-week high as inflation concerns flared as the Fed said it planned to spend $300 billion US on long-dated Treasuries.

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Inflation

• Canada's annual inflation rate surged in February on higher food and shelter costs, but the Bank of Canada is expected to ignore the price pressures as it ponders whether to cut interest rates to historic lows.

In brief

RETAIL Wal-Mart Stores Inc. is awarding approximately $2 billion US to its American hourly employees through financial incentives, including handing out $933.6 million in bonuses yesterday, after it gained market share amid a recession.

TRAVEL Online travel agencies, eager to spur spring bookings in the recession, are locked in a price battle that has some of them cutting fees and reimbursing customers if the price of their trip falls after they book. REUTERS

Patriots sign Galloway
The New England Patriots have signed 37-year-old wide-receiver Joey Galloway, the team said Thursday. REUTERS

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Streak goes on

NHL RESULT

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THE SKINNY: Roberto Luongo made 30 saves for his sixth shutout of the season and the Canucks overcame a slow start to win their eleventh straight game at GM Place. Alex Burrows, Mason Raymond and Henrik Sedin all found the back of the net, while Henrik and brother Daniel each registered a pair of points.

THE EGG: Luongo's shutout was his first since November 8th and his 17th as a Vancouver Canuck. He trails Kirk MacLean by just three shutouts for the all-time franchise lead.

ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo deflects the puck over his head during the first period of a game against the St. Louis Blues in Vancouver Thursday. The Canucks won 3-0.

THE NEXT GAME: Vancouver kicks off a six game road trip tomorrow night in Phoenix against the bottom-feeding Coyotes, who do have a winning record at home.

Good time to get hot

TheHockeyNews

Talk about getting hot at the right time. The Vancouver Canucks have been on fire since the beginning of February, ripping off 15 wins in a 19-game stretch.

That includes a 11-game winning streak at home, a franchise record that comes as a bit of a surprise considering the Canucks were an underwhelming 11-11-4 at home as recently as Jan. 31.

The improved play of late has to be a huge relief for GM Mike Gillis, who watched Vancouver win one of 11 games in January (1-5-5) despite the addition of Mats Sundin and return of Roberto Luongo.

It gets a little tougher as the Canucks stare down the final dozen games of the regular season. After the Blues leave town, the Canucks do, too, for a six-game road trip; in all, eight of Vancouver's final 12 games are away from GM Place.

There is a silver lining, though. Eight of those 12 games are also against teams in a non-playoff position, clubs like Colorado (three times), Los Angeles and Phoenix.

The Canucks face Northwest Division-leader Calgary one more time on April 7, but they don't have to worry about Detroit or San Jose until the playoffs. And even then, it won't be until the second round as Vancouver is looking good for the No. 4 seed — which means home-ice advantage in the first round — and maybe even No. 3, if they can catch Calgary.

If you eliminate that rough patch in January, when the Canucks had to adapt to Sundin's arrival and Luongo's return midway through the month, Vancouver is 36-18-4 this year. Over 82 games, that projects to a 107-point season, the type of total that would mark Vancouver as a top-flight contender for the Stanley Cup.

Question marks remain, of course. The defence corps is many things, but it isn't overly blessed with depth. A significant injury to Willie Mitchell or Kevin Bieksa or Matthias Ohlund would be a big blow. (We won't even get into the goaltending situation as we all know the team's Cup hopes rise and fall with Luongo.) And while scoring hasn't been an issue, the proof is in the playoffs and that's where Ryan Kesler has to show he's a legitimate sniping winger and the likes of Alex Burrows, Steve Bernier, Taylor Pyatt and Mason Raymond have to be enough of a threat to take the heat off of the Sedins and the Sundin-Pavol Demitra unit.

They might not have a true game-breaker on offence, but the Canucks do have the NHL's best game-saver at the most important position on the ice. And when that happens, sometimes that's all you need.

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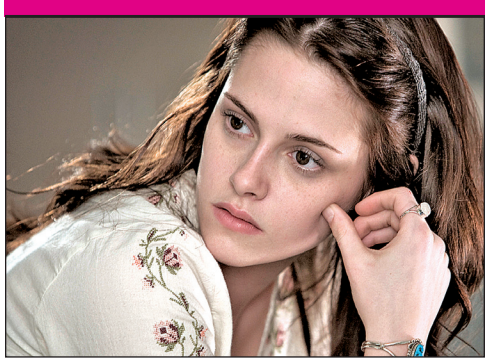

Kristen Stewart somewhat shy of her explosive fame.

Cruise working on MI4

Tom Cruise recently revealed on a Japanese show that he has started work on the fourth installment of the Mission Impossible series already and is currently focusing on putting together a storyline. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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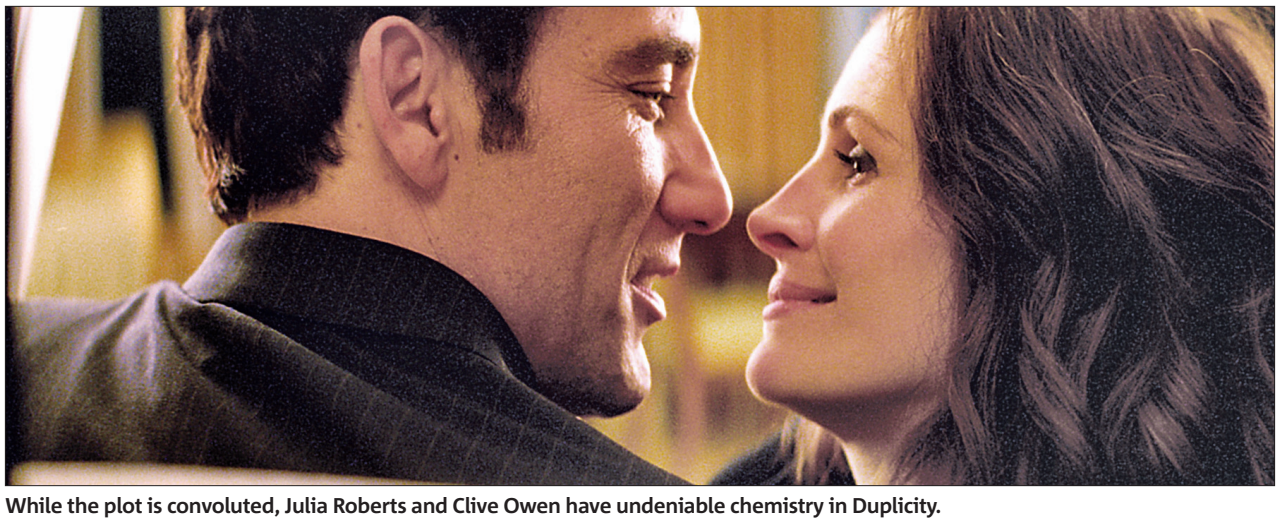
Confusion drags down Duplicity

Duplicity

Director: Tony Gilroy
Stars: Julia Roberts, Clive Owen
Classification: PG
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



While the plot is convoluted, Julia Roberts and Clive Owen have undeniable chemistry in Duplicity.

Some films are best tested with a clean slate — that is, if you have no preconceptions about them whatsoever. Duplicity is probably not one of those movies.

For instance, you should know that, contrary to the fact Duplicity was written and directed by Tony Gilroy, it's much less pensive than his directorial debut Michael Clayton. In fact, it plays more in tone like a cross between Ocean's Eleven and Mr. & Mrs. Smith.

Also, be warned — Duplicity has a convoluted plot that, in spite of its lightness, carries the heftiness of a giant.

A romantic-thriller set in the world of corporate espionage, Clive Owen and Julia Roberts are well-cast as two global agents turned corporate spies with a sketchy past.

See, before stumbling into each other in the private world, Roberts romanced Owen before commandeering Egyptian air defence codes in his possession.

Now working on opposing sides of rival pharmaceutical giants, the pair are either rekindling their love or conspiring for revenge against each other — we're never sure, and a constant flood of flashbacks only add to the confusion.

Now there's no denying the chemistry between Roberts and Owen (remember how good they were together in 2004's Closer?) and Gilroy's panache for style and dialogue certainly carries a lot of weight but as clever and adept as his script is at creating uncertainty in his characters' motives, it's also the film's fatal deficiency.

Sure, there is some fun play, but after a while all that (ah-hem) duplicity between Owen and Roberts feels pretty cumbersome to a simple moviegoer looking for escape on a Friday night.

On the web

Visit:
- metronews.ca/movies for a Duplicity trailer and local screen times.

Paul Rudd and Jason Segel make for an absurdly funny duo in John Hamburg's I Love You, Man.

Raunchy but still romantic

I Love You, Man

Director: John Hamburg
Stars: Paul Rudd, Jason Segel, Jon Favreau
Classification: 14A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

I Love You, Man is a star-filled and unabashed mainstream comedy that leaves the audience feeling pleasant whether they like it or not.

Normally this type of filmmaking can be irritatingly predictable, but writer/director John Hamburg packed his cast with the right talent and toys with conventions just enough to make audiences remember why the well-worn formulas worked so well in the first place.

In keeping with the output of club Apatow, this movie is both realistically raunchy and surprisingly sweet, and features an unironic romantic ending.

Paul Rudd stars as a recently engaged guy with no candidates for his best man. At the encouragement of his fiancée, Rudd embarks on a series of awkward man dates to find a new best friend.

What follows is a hilarious and surprisingly insightful portrait of male friendship as well as a gentle parody of romantic comedy conventions with two dudes as the onscreen couple.

It's an uncharacteristically smart variation on the most popular contemporary comedy form, aided by an absurdly funny cast.

Rudd and Segel's small guy/gangly guy duo look like a classic comedy team and their offscreen friendship gives them natural comedic chemistry.

If they were the only funny characters in the movie, it would score consistent laughs, but a vast supporting cast of comedians that includes Jon Favreau, Andy Samberg, JK Simmons, Aziz Ansari and others takes the movie to another level.

Almost every scene contains a moment of hysterical improvisation from the stacked cast, while still retaining a strong structure from Hamburg's clever script.

This may not be a movie with ambitions of greatness and it does have one unfortunately boring straight girl role for Rudd's fiancée, but I Love You, Man still generates enough laughs to be easy crowd pleaser. Plus, it does it all without insulting your intelligence.

This is about as good as mainstream comedy gets.

Fantastical Knowing too much, too little

Knowing

Director: Alex Proyas
Stars: Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne
Classification: 14A
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Nicholas Cage and Rose Byrne are out to prevent disasters in the fantastical and improbable Knowing.

Combining elements of numerology, theology, fatalism and the notion of alien life in what is basically a glorified disaster movie, Knowing accomplishes the improbable combination of giving us way too much and yet not enough.

When his son's school unearths a 50-year-old time capsule, troubled professor John Koestler (Nicolas Cage) comes across an odd document scribbled with seemingly random numbers.

During a bout of whiskey-soaked inspiration, however, Koestler discovers that each set of digits provides the dates and locations of every major disaster that's occurred since the capsule's burial.

Impossible, right? Wrong. And worse, he determines that a few of the dates are about to arrive sending Koestler forth on a race to prevent devastation.

Of course there's more to it than that — like creepy albino humanoids that inexplicably appear in the distance for no apparent reason or the mysteriously-placed black stones that seem harder to clean up than sand in shag carpeting. But many of these strange occurrences, although nifty enough, just seem unnecessarily inconsequential.

No stranger to science fiction, director Alex Proyas (I, Robot) may have been too wrapped up in the mystery of it all to just focus in the area where he truly succeeds: The action.

Whether it's the film's remarkable subway wreck or a mesmerizing plane crash, Proyas captures a sense of great intensity in these epic sequences that's sorely lacking in the rest of the movie.

On the web

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Powerful realism in film

Polytechnique
Director: Denis Villeneuve
Stars: Karine Vanasse, Sebastien Huberdeau, Maxim Gaudette
Classification: 14A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

We all knew that a movie about the 1989 Montreal Massacre would be made eventually. The event was simply too dramatic, frightening, and culturally significant to avoid making it to the silver screen.

The fact that Polytechnique was made was in no way surprising. The fact that it turned out to be an powerful and emotionally draining movie that vividly recreates those disturbing events is definitely a surprise. Denis Villeneuve's Polytechnique just might be the best Canadian movie we'll see in 2009.

Rather than conforming to a conventional single-protagonist, three-act narrative, screenwriter Jacques David's takes a cue from Gus Van Sant's brilliant school shooting film Elephant and follows several equally weighted protagonists to show the tragedy from multiple perspectives.

The audience follows two female students, a male student, and an unnamed assassin throughout the course of their day. The result: All their mundane daily routines are dreaded as viewers expects the shooting to kick in at any time.

Once it happens, the sequences are handled with such gut-wrenching realism that it genuinely feels like being there. The naturalistic acting from the cast only makes things even more unbearable (in a good way).

Director Denis Villeneuve shot in gorgeous monochromatic black and white that gives the film a distinct look without sacrificing any cinematic immediacy. The only possible misstep is a coda that takes place years after the shooting, showing the devastating impact it had on the survivors.

While I can understand why this material was included out of respect for those who survived, it feels like subject matter that warrants another movie. The scenes are a little rushed and don't pack a fraction of the power of what precedes them.

Still, the ending hardly diminishes what comes before and does not change the fact that Polytechnique is one of the most effective and unforgettable films to come out of Canada in recent years.

A scene from Polytechnique, about the 1989 Montreal Massacre.

12 Angry Men remake a radically different beast

12
Director: Nikita Mikhalkov
Stars: Sergei Makovetsky, Sergey Garmash
Classification: STC
Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Sidney Lumet's tightly wound 1957 set-bound thriller 12 Angry Men is rightfully referred to as a bona fide American classic. In it, Henry Fonda sets off a blustery debate amongst the titular sequestered jurors as to the possible innocence of a young boy who otherwise appears guilty of murder and much dialogue-driven conflict ensues.

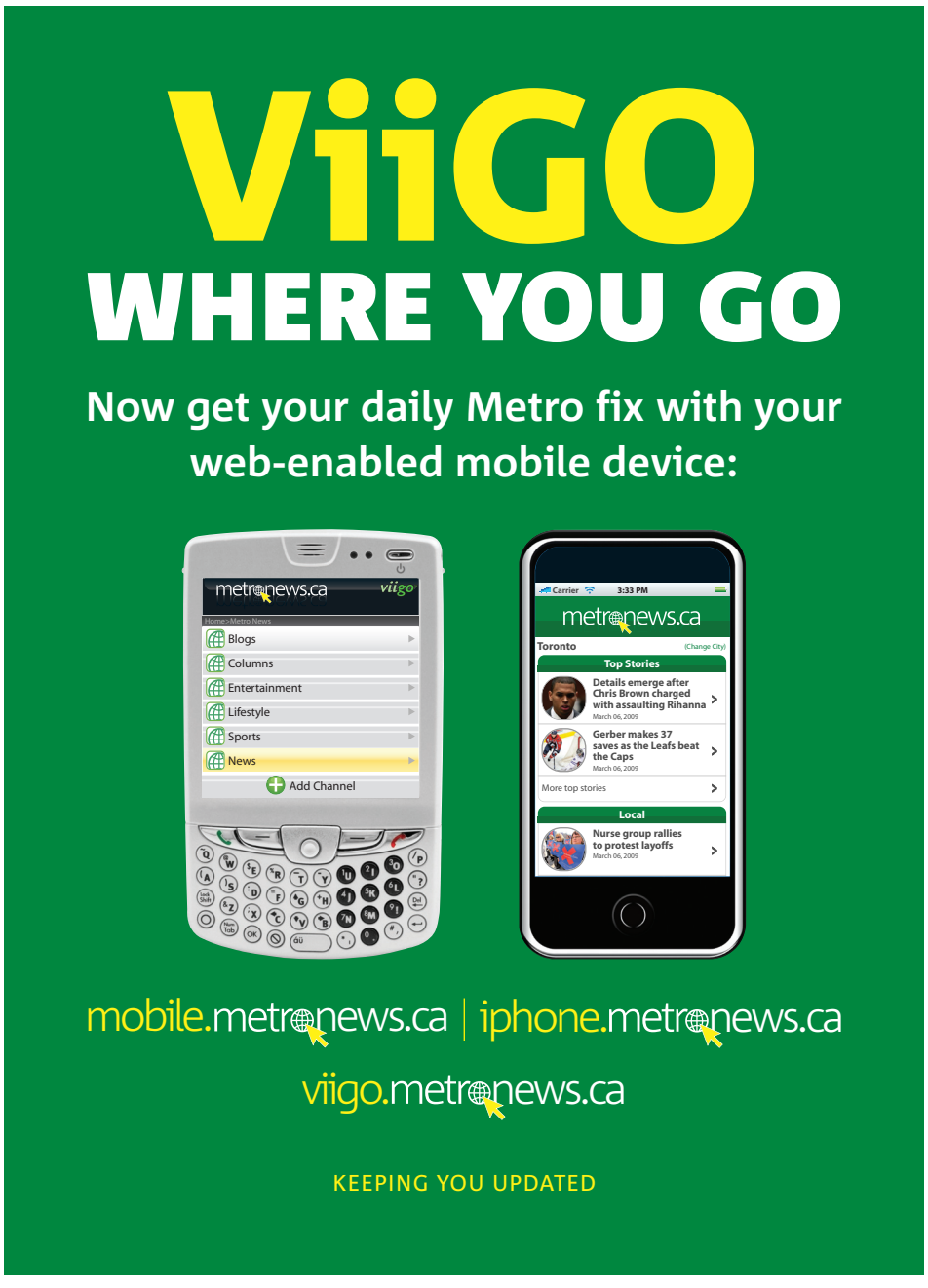
And while the film's strengths lay in both the crackerjack performances and Lumet's claustrophobic direction, Russian director Nikita Mikhalkov's new revamp — simply called 12 — is a much more epic affair, expanding and altering the story and switching the setting from a sweaty room in Anytown, U.S.A., to a high school gymnasium in a winter-battered Russia that still feels the icy reverberations of decades-long conflict.

After a young, orphaned Chechen boy is accused of murdering his Russian stepfather, the radically different dozen jurors hole themselves up in said gym to debate his guilt. As the already trial-weary members sit down to put the case to bed quickly, one lone juror goes against the grain and, like in Lumet's picture, personalities become exposed as the day gets darker.

12 may sport the theme and narrative drive of the original, but it's a radically different beast for a different age and culture.

Cutting back from the screaming jurors to the boy's own horrifically realized, tortured and tragic history (something the original did not do) Mikhalkov's film quietly evolves into a disturbing and operatic allegorical morality play about the very essence of human nature and, even more relevantly, the volatile class structure rot that is strangling and dividing Russian society.

By the end of the film you're both spent and revitalized. It's a stylish, surprisingly violent and often quite funny movie, and if there's perhaps one overly dramatic soliloquy too many, one thing about it remains absolute — 12 is unforgettable.



The Company Men adds Costner, Tommy Lee Jones
Kevin Costner and Tommy Lee Jones have signed up for the film The Company Men. The drama will follow a high-flying big earner — played by Ben Affleck — who loses his six-figure salary and Porsche when he loses his job. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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Animated film to open 'Up' Cannes

FILM FEST An animated 3-D comedy directed by the one of the creators of Toy Story will raise the curtain on the Cannes Film Festival, the first time an animated film has opened the world's biggest cinema competition, organizers said on Thursday.

Up, directed by Pete Docter, who also directed animated hit Monsters, Inc. and developed the story and characters for Toy Story, will be shown at the opening ceremony on May 13. The festival runs from May 13-24.

The film, from the Disney Pixar studios, part of Walt Disney Co., tells the story of 78 year-old Carl Fredricksen who ties thousands of balloons to his house and floats away to the South American wilderness, only to discover he has taken a nine-year-old stowaway with him.

It will be released in U.S. cinemas on May 29. **REUTERS**

Buddy movies a favourite

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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The new issue of Vanity Fair says Paul Rudd may become "this generation's Jack Lemmon." It's a particularly astute observation given the release of this weekend's I Love You, Man, a buddy comedy co-starring Rudd and Jason Segel. They play an odd couple; BFFs with nothing in common except friendship.

If that set-up sounds familiar, it should. Lemmon was a buddy film pioneer and his popularity helped establish the genre as a top Hollywood moneymaker. As The Odd Couple's Felix Unger he had the classic buddy picture one-liner, "I'm a neurotic nut, but you're crazy," a joke that wouldn't be out-of-place in the third act of I Love You, Man.

Without Lemmon bouncing wisecracks off a mismatched on-screen pal in The Odd Couple, Buddy Buddy and even Grumpy Old Men, there may never have been a Planes, Trains and Automobiles, Pineapple Express or Swingers.

There is an argument to be made that buddy comedies have always been a Hollywood staple. It could be said that Abbott and Costello or Laurel and Hardy were making buddy comedies long before Lemmon and Tony Curtis donned dresses and camped it up in Some Like It Hot, but for my money the Billy Wilder film about two musicians who witness the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and flee the state disguised as women sets the template for the modern buddy movie.

The basic formula is there — colliding personalities, wisecracks and comic conflict between the two actors — but more important than any of that is the chemistry between Lemmon and Curtis. Even though every buddy picture relies on tension between the leads, sparks have to fly between them or the whole thing will fall flat. Brett Ratner, director of Rush Hour, calls great chemistry between actors "an explosion in a bottle" and says it's crucial to the success of any buddy pic.

Some Like It Hot, starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Marilyn Monroe, is a classic buddy flick.

Since Some Like It Hot, producers have paired up a laundry list of actors searching for the perfect mix. Lemmon and Walter Matthau were journeymen of the genre, co-starring in six buddy pictures ranging from the sublime — The Odd Couple — to the ridiculous — Grumpier Old Men.

Other less iconic one-off on-screen pals include Danny DeVito and Arnold Schwarzenegger as fraternal twins separated at birth in Twins, Blazing Saddles' Gene Wilder and Cleavon Little, and Greg Kinnear and Pierce Brosnan as a down-on-his-luck businessman and a has-been assassin in The Matador.

There are as many kinds of buddy movies as there are kinds of buddies, so why have the movies endured and prospered over the years? Maybe it's because they make good date movies. Perhaps men like them because they're about male bonding and women like to see how men behave when they're not around. "It's amazing how different things are when guys are with guys and guys are with women," says Barry Levinson, director of the classic male bonding film Diner.

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Movie **morsels**

Coraline

REVIEW Based on a popular novel by accomplished author Neil Gaiman, Coraline is, if nothing else, a breath of fresh air in the genre of family fare. Not only is it styled in the classic gothic look mastered by its director Henry Selick in The Nightmare Before Christmas. Coraline (voiced by Dakota Fanning) is a bored young girl who discovers a mysterious door that leads to alternate universe.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

He's Just Not That Into You

REVIEW Warning: He's Just Not That Into You is a bad movie choice for date night. For a girl's night (or guy's night), however, it might be just perfect. As long as you remember it's only a movie and take care not to read too much into anything — it could be hazardous to your personal life. Based on the bestselling self-help book the premise is that if a guy likes you he'll call, drop by, send flowers, ask you out and basically do anything and everything he can to be with you.

Robyn Young/Metro Canada

The International

REVIEW There should be no doubt that The International is a big movie. It's practically the only revealing aspect one might reason from its vague, inconclusive title. Indeed, filmed in four countries across two continents, The International may be a global thriller, but it's also too sprawling for its own good. Interpol agent Louis Salinger (Clive Owen) has dedicated his career to taking down a powerful international bank secretly dealing in financing terrorism around the world.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

REVIEW Based on a tale by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Button tells the life story of a man who is born with the physicality of an 80-year-old but mysteriously ages in reverse meeting impossible challenges along the way. If that vaguely sounds a bit Forrest Gumpish, don't be surprised – Gump's Eric Roth penned this human epic too. There's a lot of talk about Brad Pitt possibly sneaking an Oscar, and he definitely gives the best performance of his career.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Paul Blart: Mall Cop

REVIEW Paul Blart is fat. And incompetent. And clumsy. If that generic description reminds you of the late Chris Farley, it should. In fact, the idea for Paul Blart: Mall Cop may have been gathering a lot of dust in the "Farley Cold Case Files" at Happy Madison Productions long before Kevin James showed up. James plays the overly ambitious security guard who has to save a mall taken over by a group of gun-wielding criminals.

Chris Alexander/Metro Canada

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

REVIEW If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Yes, it's an archaic, overused adage, but when it comes to Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa, it also applies. The movie isn't without its improvements: It has plenty of jokes and inside-gags for the adults but they're mostly just recycled sensibilities from the 2005 film. Of course, the story is what really counts, and Madagascar 2 tells too many tales.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Twilight

REVIEW Kristin Stewart stars as Bella, a young girl who moves to a small town and becomes instantly captivated by a classmate named Edward (Robert Pattinson) who is part of a very peculiar and insular family known as the Cullens. As Bella becomes more attracted to Edward, she discovers that the Cullens are a clan of vampires … but very safe emo-vampires who only drink animal blood and spend of most of their time silently emoting and looking pretty rather than preying on helpless victims. Thus begins an epic tale of forbidden love that has made the hearts of millions of teenage girls swoon.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Hotel for Dogs

REVIEW In a recent interview, director Thor Freudenthal claimed when he was making Hotel for Dogs he followed a theory: "When in doubt, just add more dogs." It seems that's the mantra Hollywood has taken up as well. Following no less than three other recent hit fido flicks (the most recent being Marley & Me), Hotel for Dogs seems assured of success.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

The Wrestler

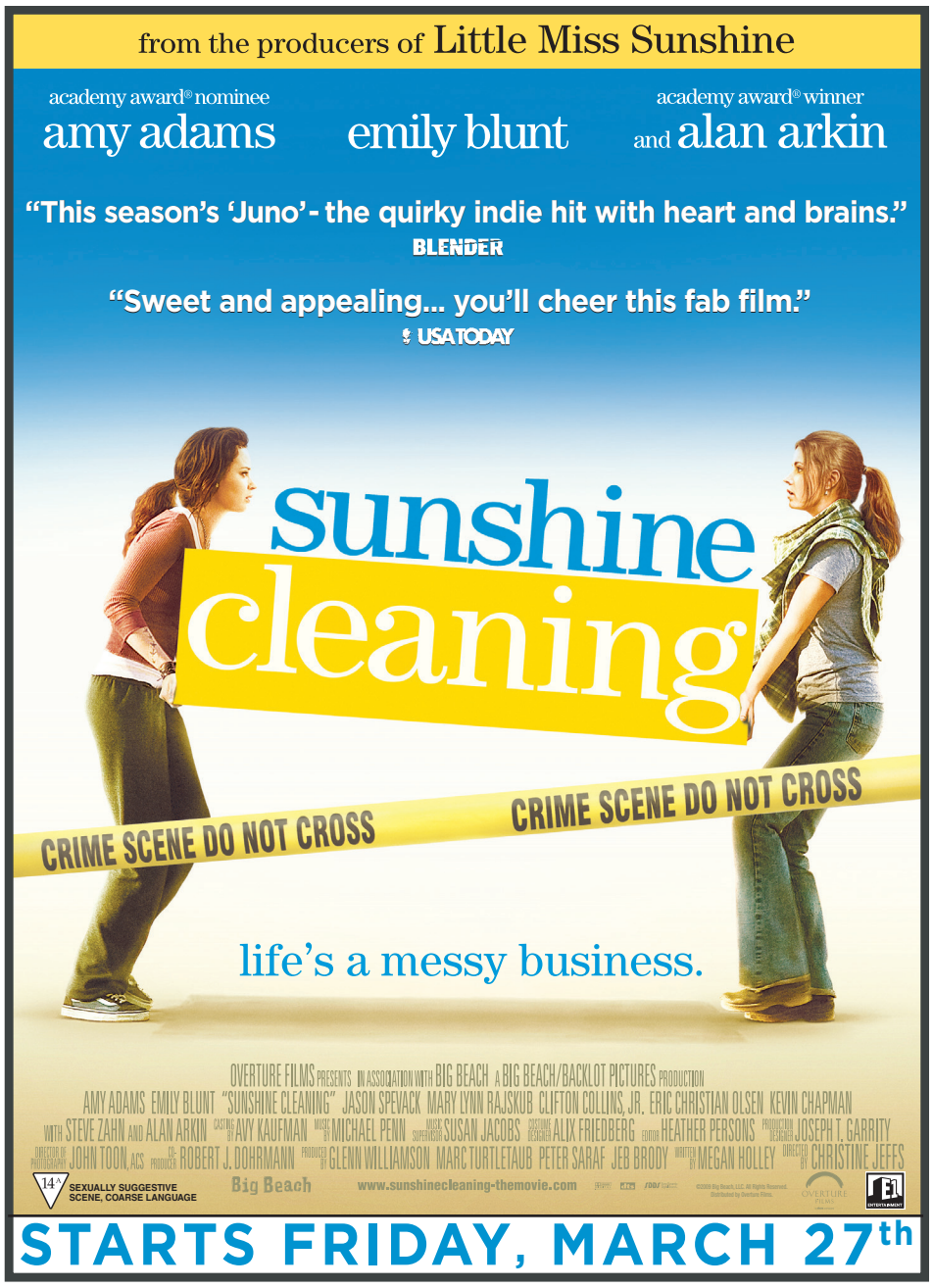
REVIEW The Wrestler tells the tale of downtrodden, past his prime rope-rider Randy (The Ram) Robinson — played by Mickey Rourke — and the desperate web of misery he weaves in the twilight of his lifE. The film is a gritty, low budget, intimate and emotionally shattering peek into a heart without hope.

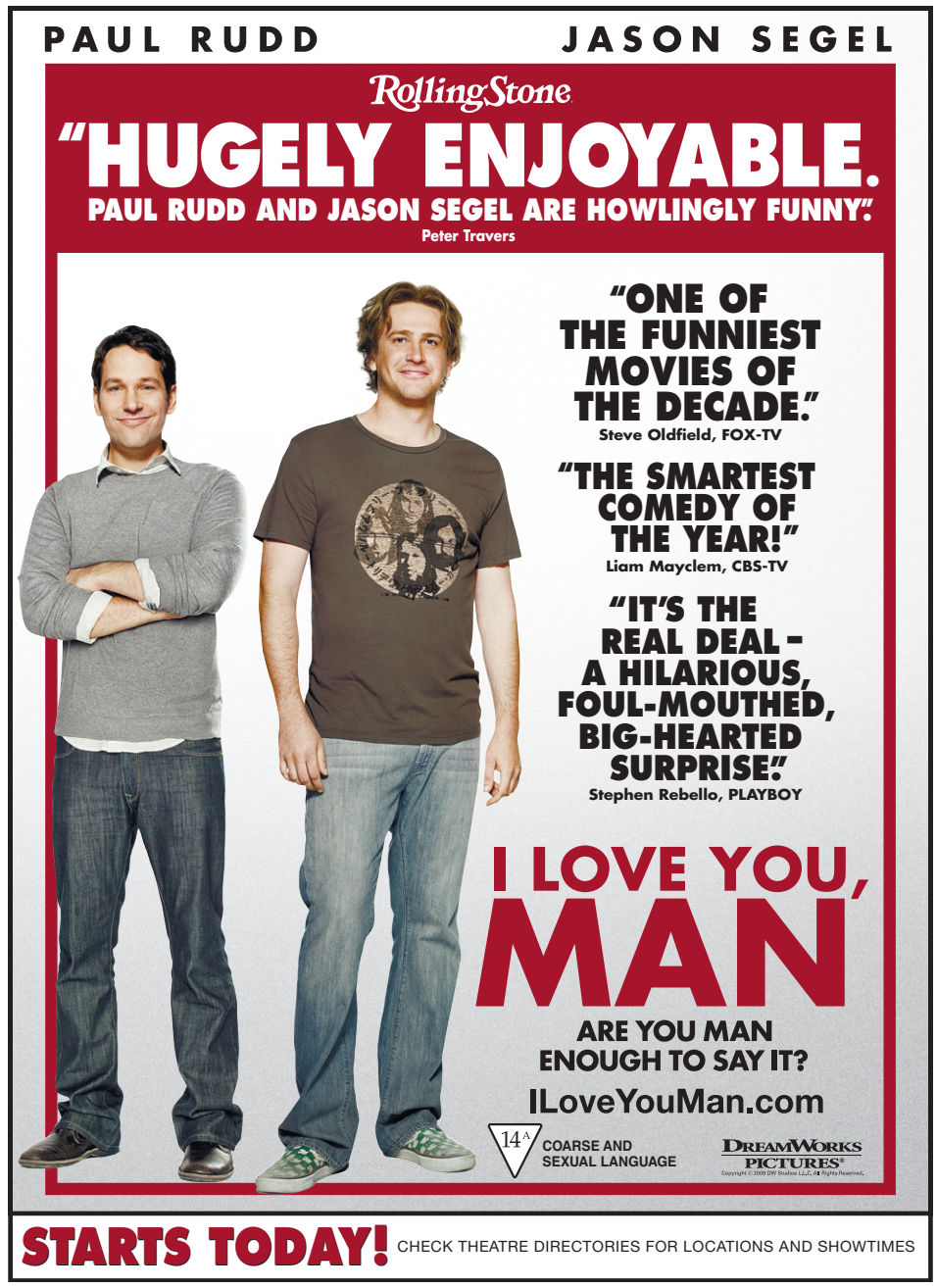
Chris Alexander/Metro Canada

Under the Sea 3-D

REVIEW Visually stunning from the first frame to the last and laced with plenty of information that will subtly educate the stunned and awed audience, Under The Sea 3-D is one of the most impressive examples of the IMAX 3-D format to date. The film was directed by Howard Hall, whose previous underwater IMAX project—Deep Sea 3-D—is the second highest grossing IMAX doc to date.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada





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I Love You, Man (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-10
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:30-9:30
Knowing (14A) Fri-Wed 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Thu 12:50-3:50-7-9:50 Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:25
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Taken (14A) Fri-Tue 12:20-3-6:40-9:20 Wed 12:20-3-9:35 Thu 12:20-3-6:40-9:20
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30 Fri-Thu 1-4:50-8:30

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799
cinemark.com

12 (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:45-10:05
Che (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-7:30
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-7-9:30
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:15-10:10
The Last House on the Left (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25
Miss March (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 8-10:20
One Week (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:55-10:15
Owl and the Sparrow (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:35-4:10-7:05-9:45 No Passes Mon 1:35-4:10-9:45 No Passes Tue 1:35-4:10-7:05-9:45 No Passes Wed 1:35-4:10-9:45 No Passes Thu 1:35-4:10-7:05-9:45
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The Reader (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Tue 1:45-4:40-7:40-10:30 Wed 1:45-10:30 Thu 1:45-4:40-7:40-10:30

VANCITY THEATRE
Vancouver International Film Centre 1181 Seymour Street, 604-683-Film

Jerichow (STC) Thu 8:45
The Postman Always Rings Twice (STC) Thu 7:30
Slap Shot (STC) Fri 7
Sudden Death (STC) Fri 9:15

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313
vaneast.com

Duplicity (PG) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9

NORTH SHORE

ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Sat-Sun 1:20-3:45
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 1:25-4
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:10-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:55
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 6:45-9:20
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:20-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45
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The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri 1:20-3:45
Twilight (PG) Fri 11:55 Sat 11:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:30-6:30-8:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-8:10

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:20
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The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:50-6:35-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:35-9:25
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 10
Miss March (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30
One Week (STC) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:40-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 7-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:40

RICHMOND

RICHMOND CENTRE 6
6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Sun 1:25-6:55 Mon-Thu 6:55
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:05-4:20-7:10-9:55 No Passes Sun 1:05-4:20-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10
Fired Up (14A) Fri-Sat 4:40-9:40 Sun-Thu 4:40
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Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:30-7-9:35 Sun 1:15-4:30-7 Mon-Thu 4:30-7
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 1-4:25-7:45 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:45

SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Wed 12:10-2:50-6:55-9:35 Thu 12:10-2:50-9:35
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:35-5:05-7:10-9:45
Cruefest (STC) Thu 7
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1-3:50-7:05-10 No Passes Thu 3:50-7:05-10 No Passes Thu 1
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Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Fri-Thu 7
Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:15-7:30-10:30
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-8-10:45
Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 10
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Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-1:15-2:45-3:55-5:15-7-7:45-9:30-10:15
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Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:40-7:35-10:25
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-12:50-3:40-5-7:10-9:30-10:35
Watchmen: The IMAX Experience (18A) Fri-Sat 12-3:30-7-10:30 Sun-Tue 12:45-4:30-8:15 Wed 12-4:30-8:15 Thu 12:45-4:30-8:15

BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

Coraline (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3-5-7-9 Mon-Thu 5-7-9
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 5-8

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-5-7:40-10:10
Duplicity (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:45-7:15-10:05
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Mon 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:30 Tue 1:15-7:40-10:30 Wed-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:30
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Metropolitan Opera: La Sonnambula (STC) Sat 10
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Thu 2:20-4:45-7:20-10
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Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:15-7:45 Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:50-10:15

STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri 4:30-7:15-9:50 Sat 1:35-4:30-7:15-9:50 Sun 1:35-4:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15
Fired Up (14A) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:45 Mon-Thu 4:45
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 4:50 Sat-Sun 1:50
The International (14A) Fri-Sat 7-9:40 Sun-Thu 7
Miss March (18A) Fri 5-7:30-10:05 Sat 2-5-7:30-10:05 Sun 2-5-7:30 Mon-Thu 5-7:30
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:55-7:25 Sat 1:55-4:55-7:25 Sun 1:55-4:55 Mon-Thu 4:55
Push (14A) Fri 4:35-7:05-9:45 Sat 1:40-4:35-7:05-9:45 Sun 1:40-4:35-7:05 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:05
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (14A) Fri-Sat 10 Sun-Thu 7:25
Taken (14A) Fri 7:20-9:55 Sat 4:50-7:20-9:55 Sun-Thu 4:50-7:20
Watchmen (18A) Fri 4:40-7:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:50 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:50

NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:55-9:55
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2:25-4:50-7:35-10:05
Cruefest (STC) Thu 7
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Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:40-7:35-10:25
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-12:50-3:40-5-7:10-9:30-10:35
Watchmen: The IMAX Experience (18A) Fri-Sat 12-3:30-7-10:30 Sun-Tue 12:45-4:30-8:15 Wed 12-4:30-8:15 Thu 12:45-4:30-8:15

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 7-9:15

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Thu 4:55
Fired Up (14A) Fri-Sun 12-2
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 8:45
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:10-6:40 Mon-Thu 6:40
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 8:55
Marley & Me (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-6:55 Mon-Thu 6:55
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 2:25-8:50 Mon-Thu 8:50

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:10-9:40
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Knowing (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:15-10:15
The Last House on the Left (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:50
Miss March (18A) Fri-Thu 3:45-9:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Wed 1:35-3:50-6:55-9:30 Thu 1:35-3:50-9:30
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Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-6:45
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:45-9

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:10-9:55
Coraline 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:6:40-9:30
Fired Up (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:40
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 7:05-10:05
Inkheart (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05
Jag Jeondeyan de Mele (in Punjabi) (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 8:15
The Last House on the Left (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:15
Miss March (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:30-10:10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:15
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:10-9:35
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7-9:50
Taken (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:15-6:50-9:45
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4:45
Twilight (PG) Fri 11:59 Sat 11
Watchmen (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-2-4:30-6:30-8-10

RIALTO
1732-152nd Street, White Rock, 604-541-9527, criterontheatres.com

Duplicity (PG) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 7:10-9:25 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:25

CRITERION 4 WHITE ROCK
2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criterontheatres.com

I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:25 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:25
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 2:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 2:20-7:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:20
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 2-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

Confessions of a Shopaholic (G) Fri-Thu 3:35-6:45-10:10
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:30-10:05
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Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:55
He's Just Not That Into You (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-4:25-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25-10:15
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Sun 12:35
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The International (14A) Fri-Thu 10:05
Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience in Disney Digital 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12
Knowing (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-1:05-3:30-4:35-6:45-7:40-9:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-4:35-6:45-7:40-9:50-10:30
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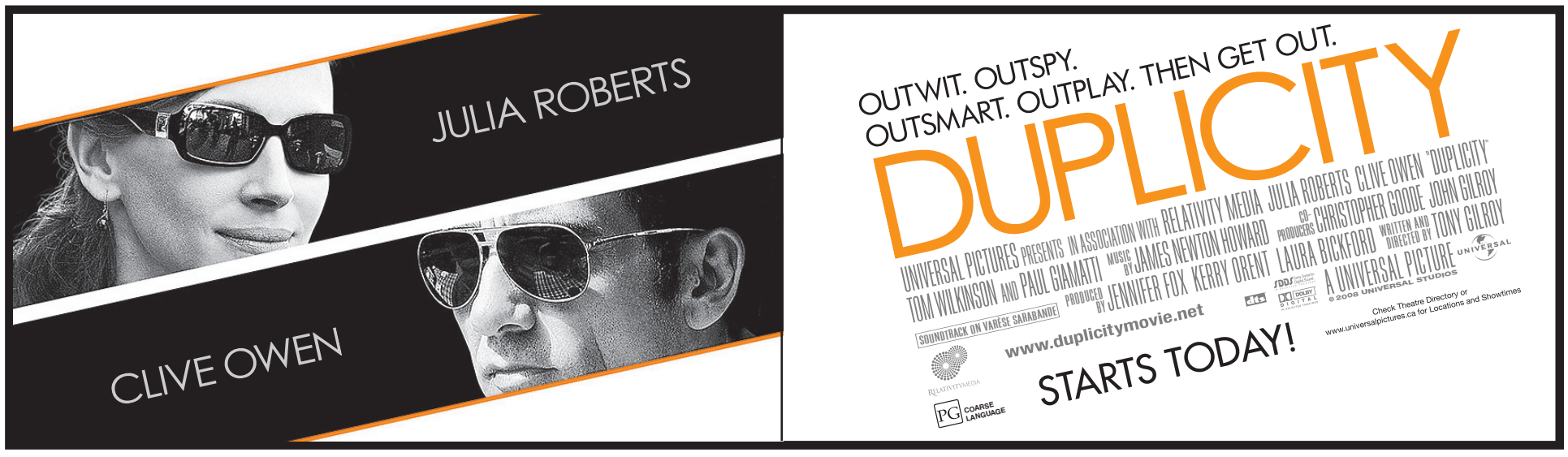
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-4-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4-7:15-9:45
Watchmen (18A) Fri-Sun 12:30-1-4:15-5:15-8-9 Mon-Thu 4:15-5:15-8-9
Watchmen: The IMAX Experience (18A) Fri-Sun 12-3:30-7-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-7-10:30

TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley, 604-856-5063

Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 7:45
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50



Amazon.ca's bestselling albums

1. No Line On The Horizon, U2; **2.** Middle Cyclone, Neko Case; **3.** Bare Bones, Madeleine Peyroux; **4.** Hit Man, David Foster & Friends; **5.** Dance with Me, Johnny Reid. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Metro recommends

• **HANDSOME FURS, FACE CONTROL:** Montreal duo deliver charged up indie pop with slick electro-beats and hard rock riffs.

• **...AND YOU WILL KNOW US BY THE TRAIL OF DEAD, THE CENTURY OF SELF:** Texans skillfully lay noisy, fierce alt-rock guitars over a prog-rock foundation.

• **SHOUT OUT OUT OUT OUT , REINTEGRATION TIME:** Waves of synthesizers and deep bass beats meld with robot-like vocals for a futuristic dance-rock sound.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music fans watching wallets

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

David Silverberg is your typical music fan. The Toronto-based writer buys about seven albums a year and goes to shows every six weeks. Or at least that's what he did until the recession forced him to take a hard look at how he spends his cash.

"I'm definitely buying less music and going to less concerts," he says. "I can put my money towards more applicable things. Concerts are nice an enjoyable, but not necessary."

Thousands of music lovers across Canada are dealing with the same financial dilemmas as Silverberg right now, and many are choosing to cut back on their music consumption.

Aaron Brophy, Chartattack.com's managing editor, says the fans who will abandon their regular concert-going routine first will be people who have lost their jobs. "They won't be purchasing tickets or albums or band t-shirts anymore," he says.

Music lovers across Canada are dealing with financial dilemmas associated with the recession.

Luckily, in the Internet era, cash strapped fans can connect to artists in ways other than buying albums. Silverberg has turned to MySpace, where many acts stream full albums, and he frequents a Toronto Blues bar Tuesday nights because the music is good and, more importantly, free.

Legal downloading is another way to listen to music relatively cheaply. Digital albums often cost less and buying a few 99 cent tracks won't hurt the pocket book as much.

"Pursuing legal downloads is the way things are going, and you would think that might speed up," says Paul Gagnon, who teaches financial strategies at Toronto's Harris Institute, a music management school. "Hopefully people do capitalize on that idea. It only makes more sense now to focus on digital delivery for content."

Riding the Recession

Clearly, people's music buying habits will shift if the recession continues, but so will the way they find out about upcoming bands. At the beginning of the year Chart Magazine abandoned its print product to go exclusively online, MuchMusic cancelled The New Music in December, and now a funding shortfall at Canada's public broadcaster could put indie music station CBC Radio 3 in jeopardy.

"Cancelling these programs affects the artists and the potential fan base for those artists," says Gagnon. "Will they still get exposure elsewhere off of TV?"

The answer to that is yes, though it might become harder to reach that critical mass if music news is found on disparate blogs. However, while there are more music blogs than ever for fans to peruse, Brophy thinks people will continue to turn to brand name publications to get their music fix.

"(Blogs are) fun, but in the long run, actual reporting with depth and diverse content will win out," he says.

Gagnon agrees. "It's not too late for music magazine's to build their brand online," he explains. "They still have the best access to artists and have talented writers. They can capitalize on that."

Silverberg was never an avid music mag reader, so the decline of Chart, Harp and others, hasn't affected him too much. His method of staying in the know is not only cheap, it's the main way music fans have been connecting to artists for decades.

"It's about word of mouth," he says. "I have friends that are inside the music scene, so I just listen to them."

Pearl Jam revisits classic grunge album

SoundCheck

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Pearl Jam, left, playing live after the original release of Ten. Above, artwork for the reissue.

Imagine this: After years of false starts and disappointments, things finally click for your new band. Not only does your debut record sell more than 15 million copies, but also becomes one of the cornerstones of the grunge revolution and a staple of Gen X's musical diet forevermore.

Now imagine this: No matter how many people tell you that your record is great, you still hate how it sounds. Welcome to the world of Pearl Jam and their Ten album.

But come Tuesday, the band will finally get what they've always wanted: A version of Ten that meets its approval. They tapped their favourite producer, Brendan O'Brien, to remix it using its original parts. Think "refurbishment" instead of "renovation."

"We put a lot of work into that record," guitarist Stone Gossard told me, "and I think in the end, we were happy with it. But as much as we love (Ten producer Tim Palmer), it's really exciting to go back and revisit it."

Few bands ever get this kind of musical mulligan. "(Brendan) tweaked the colour and the sound," says Stone, "You can hear a lot more energy coming out of it."

"I think it was more about production values," Eddie Vedder confided to me, "It wasn't how it was played. There were certain things done in the studio to accentuate this part or that part — an effect or an echo. Looking back, it feels like artificial atmosphere. On the remixed version, it gets stripped down a bit and becomes closer to what the initial core of what that music was at the time."

I must confess that even after talking to Pearl Jam, I wasn't convinced — until I heard the new version. The guitars are ... bigger, fatter, better. The mix seems cleaner and the music has extra clarity. Even though I've heard songs from Ten countless times since it was released in 1991, I heard bits in the new mix that I had never heard before.

Put aside your scepticism. This version of Ten is better than the original in every way. And if you get the chance, listen to the new vinyl edition.

"That's the thing you get to do if you stick around long enough," adds Stone.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at ongoinghistory.com and exploremusic.com

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McCormack comes back
Will & Grace star Eric McCormack could be returning to series comedy. Reno Wilson, Jolie Jenkins and Constance Zimmer also have been cast in the untitled ABC pilot from writer-producer Tad Quill (Spin City, Dirty Sexy Money). REUTERS

Television

Style with a global sense

Iman visits Toronto to support Canadian fashion talent

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Iman believes Canadians have just as much fashion sense — and talent — as anyone around the world.

The ever-alluring supermodel and host of Project Runway Canada is in Toronto for LG Fashion Week to support Canadian alumni from last season's cycle of the show and kick off a showing of full collections by this season's final three designers.

With modern fashion melding influences from across the world, Iman sees Canadian talent as being no less potent than those around the world.

"I don't really see anything territorial about fashion because fashion is truly global. Designers are getting inspiration from everywhere. If you look at Elle Canada or any of the other magazines, you see Canadian designers alongside European and American designers," she said.

While designers in Canadian cities close to New York City might sometimes feel overshadowed by the fashion capital, Iman says they shouldn't.

"The proximity to New York sometimes makes it difficult for (Canadian) designers because there is that spirit of being a stepchild. But they shouldn't feel that way, because the customer doesn't care where the dress is from as long as it looks good," Iman said.

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Supermodel Iman

Influential designer Yves Saint Laurent called Iman his "dream woman" and many other famous designers have admitted the statuesque beauty has served as their muse. Iman believes Vancouver-born supermodel Coco Rocha will prove an equally legendary muse to designers around the world.

"Coco is amazing. Canadians should be very proud that she's Canadian but the whole world is claiming her because she's that good. She has a beauty that is very classical but could also look edgy. Her pictures come alive," Iman said.

Along with hosting Project Runway, Iman is CEO of her own cosmetics brand and spokesperson for the Keep a Child Alive charity. Despite being busier now than she even was as a model, Iman still finds time to spend with her husband, famed musician David Bowie, and be a mom.

Project Runway Canada host Iman is in Toronto this week to support Canadian alumni from last season's show.

"I have an eight-year-old, so my life is aligned to that first. I still cook at home, I still take my kid to school, I still have to go to PTA meetings. I always tell people, 'If you only knew how normal (my life) is,'" Iman said.

Though the tough economy has forced many fashion labels to shift focus away from high-end offerings, Iman doesn't necessarily see that as a bad thing.

"Fashion is all about change — if it doesn't change, it doesn't move forward. It has gone from one extreme to the other. Now the consumer is dictating where fashion is going to go. In the meantime I'm hoping that there will still be clothes that will uplift us," Iman said.

Kristen Stewart reluctant, yet busy

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Kristen Stewart may be the hottest rising star in movies, but she may also be its most reluctant.

"It feels so good to have something that you love received so hotly," said the 18-year old actress during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "(But) something that you're done with, to fixate on it, it's like I'm so ready to get on with the next thing but I do understand why people are eager to hear about it."

Stewart, of course, is talking about the uncomfortable amount of attention she's received over her hit vampire thriller Twilight (being released on DVD this Saturday) and its sequel New Moon, which is about to start filming under Chris Weitz (The Golden Compass) who took over directing duty from Catherine Hardwicke in December.

"Everyone's like 'oh, you're working with a man now, it's going to be completely different' (but) it's really neither here nor there," said Stewart. "I feel that he understands the characters that we're playing very well and that he's actually very invested in them; he's not just stoked to be on a successful movie."

Stewart has been pretty successful herself. Not only has she signed on to play rocker Joan Jett in the upcoming biopic The Runaways, but before she departs to the set of New Moon, she's frantically answering questions about her latest comedy Adventureland (in theatres April 3) — a hilarious new film in which she plays Em, a carnival worker who must choose between young, naïve James or the married man she's been having an affair with.

"She's fairly damaged; she's got an odd number of hang-ups," said Stewart on what attracted her to the role. "Anybody who has issues that they can't get over and you see the potential in them, all you want to do is (say) 'let that shine, let that come out' and that's what I love about the movie — when she's with (James) it actually does."

Kristen Stewart has received a lot of attention over her hit vampire thriller Twilight and its sequel, New Moon.

Tributes roll in for 'golden' Natasha Richardson

DEATH Directors, actors and critics paid tribute to Natasha Richardson Thursday after her death one day earlier from a severe brain injury in a skiing accident in Quebec earlier this week.

The 45-year-old, a member of Britain's Redgrave acting dynasty and an accomplished stage and screen performer, passed away in a New York hospital Wednesday.

New York's medical examiner said the cause of death was an epidural hematoma caused by a blunt impact, meaning bleeding in the brain.

Film maker Ken Russell, who directed Richardson in the 1986 film Gothic, said the actress was "always poised, prepared, focused and very, very bright.

"Her beauty was golden," he said. "She was one of the few modern actresses who was as smart as she was pretty, and as gentle as she was fierce." REUTERS

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CBS renews two comedies

CBS has closed a deal to renew the Warner Bros. TV-produced comedies Two and a Half Men and The Big Bang Theory, as the two companies also settled their $49 million lawsuit. **HOLLYWOOD REPORTER**

Television

GETTY IMAGES

Marie and Donnie Osmond have appeared on TV almost 200 times collectively in the past two years, according to Imdb.com.

The omnipresent Osmonds?

It seems the famous siblings are always on TV these days

At first it seemed like a coincidence: Donny Osmond, the wholesome '70s teen idol turned 51-year-old grandfather of two, popping up on The Insider (weekdays on NBC, E) to yak about Dancing with the Stars, the notorious Octo-mom and his cheesy Vegas show with sister Marie.

"Look who's back!" crowed host Lara Spencer as the beaming kitsch icon, looking like a less-aged Wayne Newton, bopped excitedly in his seat.

Donny Osmond, a grinning beacon of pop's shameful past, has somehow weaseled his way back into the pop-cult spotlight.

"My dancing shoes are already warm from Vegas!" he intoned, making a bid for next season's lineup of Dancing with the Stars.

And then, like a spring-loaded rodent from the midway Whac-A-Mole, he popped up again a few nights later, still yammering about Dancing, introducing a slate of goofy wedding videos and confirming once again that, yes, he would be thrilled to shake his booty on Dancing with the Stars, ahem, should he be asked.

"My dancing shoes are already warm from Vegas." Performer Donny Osmond

Unsure what to make of it, I flicked on Entertainment Tonight (7:30 p.m. weekdays on NBC, Global) to find — gak — his sister Marie, who served her own headline-grabbing stint on Dancing two seasons ago, being treated like visiting royalty by the outrageously overcaffeinated Mary Hart.

"How's your life — seriously?" grilled the fawning co-host, eager to dish about the 49-year-old's romantic travails.

"It's good!" trilled Marie happily.

"Are you dating someone?"

Marie giggled. "I'm dating a few people!"

It went on from there, no particular point to it, no real reason for the twice-divorced mother of eight to be on the show, except, of course, that she's Marie.

"What the heck is this?" I exploded at the cat. "Who cares who Marie is dating? Who cares what Donny thinks of Dancing with the Stars?"

Logging onto the Internet Movie Database website you'll discover these tabloid insurrections aren't isolated events, with Donny and Marie chalking up almost 200 appearances between them on Entertainment Tonight and The Insider in the past two years alone.

Two hundred appearances? Isn't it enough they terrorized an entire generation with their spasmatic '70s variety show that saw Donny toppling into oversized cream pies while Marie joked about purple socks and tittered girlishly from the sidelines?

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FRIDAY 3/20/09

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	Easton Meets West (N) (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		(:05) The Hour
	255	358	6	JOY	E News	The Insider	Are You Smarter		Friday Night Lights (N) (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (N)
	250	321	9	CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Criminal Minds (N) (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	(:01) Dollhouse (N) (PA) (CC)		NUMB3RS "Harvest" (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Instant Star	TMZ (N) (CC)	Sarah Connor Chronicles		Supernanny (N) (CC)		Whistler Explosive information.		News (CC)
	253	359	13	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker (CC)		Survivorman (CC)		Out There	Out There	The List
	-	-	14	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Hates Chris	The Game (N)	America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15	CBS	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. 1st Rd.				KIRO News	Judge Judy	Entertainment	The Insider	News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N) (CC)		Dateline NBC (CC)		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap "Henstein/Toulou"		Supernanny (N) (CC)		20/20 (CC)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Sarah Connor Chronicles		(:01) Dollhouse (N) (PA) (CC)		News (N)	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	28	NW	India Reborn (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		India Reborn (CC)		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22	RSP	Hockey	Sportsnet	Hockey	Canucks TV	Canucks TV	World Sport	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	SportsCentre	That's Hockey	SportsCentre	Off the Record	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape) (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	New York Minute ★★ (2004, Comedy) Ashley Olsen. (CC)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz (N)	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama		Gremlins 2: The New Batch ★★★ (1990) Zach Galligan. (CC)		
variety	268	354	5	KNO	In Korea with Norm Christie		Poirot "Peril at End House"		Life Begins (CC)		Touch the Sound ★★★ (2004) Premiere.		
	575	583	20	CMT	Nowhere to Hide ★★ (1994, Suspense) Rosanna Arquette, Scott Bakula.					Candid C.	Nowhere to Hide ★★ (1994) Scott Bakula		
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Addiction" (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami "Pirated" (CC)		CSI: Miami "After the Fall"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34	TLC	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Kandiss"		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Mala"		What Not
	616	522	39	SHO	The Outer Limits "Abduction"		Durham County (CC)		Testees (CC)	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:00) Failure to Launch ★★		Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:10) I Am Sam ★★ (2001, Drama) Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer. (CC)				
	603	561	52	FN	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Challenge (CC)		Kylie Kwong	Gourmets	Diner, Drive-In
	320	621	60	CEN	(6:15) Poor Boy's Game (2007)		Made of Honor ★★ (2008) Patrick Dempsey.			(:45) Eastern Promises ★★★ (2007) Viggo Mortensen. (CC)			
	581	566	101	MTV	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Live	Cribs (CC)	The Real World (CC)		Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Presents

SATURDAY 3/21/09

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Phoenix Coyotes. (Live) (CC)					HNIC -- After Hours		News (CC)	HNIC Replay
	255	358	6	JOY	Chef School	E News	Lost in the Dark (2007) Mae Whitman, Matthew Smalley. (CC)				Show Yours	G-Spot (CC)	News (CC)
	250	321	9	CTV	W-FIVE Cancer; bars. (N)		Flightplan ★★ (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster. Premiere. (CC)				Law & Order "Pledge" (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	Global Currents: Rich Nation		National Aboriginal Achievement Awards			Masterminds	Doc "Swing Shift" (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now	Comedy Now	Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13	CITY	Without a Trace (CC)		Murdoch Mysteries (CC)		Two of Hearts (1999) Gail O'Grady, Rob Stewart. (CC)				Role
	-	-	14	CW	CSI: NY (CC)		Boston Legal "Gone" (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "Consequences"		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15	CBS	KIRO News Special (CC)		Entertainment Tonight (N)		Planet Rock	Judge Judy	48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Phoenix ★★ (1998) Ray Liotta, Anthony LaPaglia.				Law & Order "Pledge" (CC)		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Flightplan ★★ (2005, Suspense) Jodie Foster. Premiere. (CC)				Castle "Nanny McDead"		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N) (PA)	Cops (N) (PA)	America's Most Wanted		News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (N)
news	502	390	28	NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		Sat. Report	Fortune	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	CBC News: the fifth estate		Sat. Report
	500	500	33	CNN	D.L. Hughley-News		Newsroom		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Newsroom
sports	407	419	22	RSP	(6:00) Baseball World Classic Semifinal -- Teams TBA.				Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Ult. Fighter
	400	400	30	TSN	(6:30) Curling Canada Cup -- Semifinals. From Yorkton, Sask. (Live) (CC)						Women's Hockey: National Champ.		
family	552	543	25	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Beetlejuice ★★★ (1988) Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin. (CC)				Naruto (CC)	Bleach (CC)	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Ben 10: Race Against Time (2007) (CC)			Jimmy Two	Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Gay Couple	Moral Orel
variety	268	354	5	KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Heartbeat "Mixed Messages"		Midsomer Murders "Death in a Chocolate Box" (N) (CC)				Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Blue Rodeo: Small Miracles		Grand Ole Opry Live		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Ult. Coyote Ugly Search		Ed (CC)
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Going Ballistic"		CSI: Miami "Throwing Heat"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34	TLC	My First Home	Deals on Bus	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8 (CC)		My First Home	Deals on Bus	Little People
	616	522	39	SHO	Mutant X (CC)		Making Mr. Right (2008) Dean Cain, Christina Cox. (CC)				The Departed ★★★ (2006) Premiere. (CC)		
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:00) The Holiday ★★ (2006) Cameron Diaz.			(:45) My Best Friend's Wedding ★★★ (1997) Julia Roberts. (CC)					Guess Who
	603	561	52	FN	Hell's Kitchen (CC)		The F Word		Challenge (CC)		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Hell's Kitchen
	320	621	60	CEN	U.S. of Tara	Tracey Ullman	Leatherheads ★★ (2008) George Clooney. Premiere. (CC)				Into the Wild ★★★ (2007) Emile Hirsch. (CC)		
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

SUNDAY 3/22/09

VA	Vu	SC	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Heartland "Step by Step" (N)		India Reborn (N) (Part 2 of 2) (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
	255	358	6	JOY	Sheryl Crow: THS		Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (CC)
	250	321	9	CTV	Star Wars Clo.	Degrassi: TNG	The Amazing Race 14 (N)		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) The Mentalist (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	16:9 Picture	King of Hill	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	Brothers & Sisters "Missing"		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl "The Grandfather"		Cold Case "Mind Games" (N)		Medium "A Necessary Evil"		New Canoe
	253	359	13	CITY	Two/Half Men	Hates Chris	Kings "Prosperity" (N) (CC)		Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe "Hour 6 -- Long Pig"		Role
	-	-	14	CW	Jericho "One Man's Terrorist"		The Mod Squad ★ (1999) Claire Danes, Giovanni Ribisi.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15	CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		The Amazing Race 14 (N)		Cold Case "Mind Games" (N)		The Unit "Flesh & Blood" (N)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		Kings "Prosperity" (N) (CC)		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		KOMO 4 News
	290	382	23	FOX	American Dad	King of Hill	The Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	Q It Up Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	28	NW	Shock Wave Surviving the next quake/tsunami. (N) (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night		Shock Wave (CC)		
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		D.L. Hughley-News		Larry King Live		Newsroom		D.L. Hughley
sports	407	419	22	RSP	Baseball: World Classic		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	(6:30) Curling Canada Cup -- Men's Final. From Yorkton, Sask. (Live) (CC)						SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	Barnyard: Original Party		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life (CC)		Adrenaline	Zixx Level	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Jimmy Two	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Gay Couple
variety	268	354	5	KNO	Creepy Healers		The Dead of Jericho ★★ (1982, Mystery) John Thaw. (CC)				Life Begins (CC)		Montreal Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	CMT Star	CMT Star	2008 CMT Music Awards From Nashville's Belmont University.					CMT Star	Coyote Ugly
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Death Pool 100"		CSI: Miami "Entrance Wound"		CSI: Miami "Inside Out"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34	TLC	Heaviest Man Gets Married		My Shocking Story (CC)		Mermaid Girl (CC)		Heaviest Man Gets Married		Shocking
	616	522	39	SHO	The Guard "The Hold" (CC)		The One That Got Away (2008, Drama) Kelli Williams. (CC)				Damages (N) (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	47	TBS	Last Holiday ★★ (2006, Comedy) Queen Latifah. (CC)				Must Love Dogs ★★ (2005) Diane Lane, John Cusack. (CC)				Lucky Nbr
	603	561	52	FN	The Next Iron Chef (CC)		The Heat	The Heat	Challenge (CC)		Iron Chef America Cat Cora.		Next Iron Chef
	320	621	60	CEN	(5:45) The Brave One ★★		Boy A ★★★ (2007) Andrew Garfield, Peter Mullan. Premiere.				Young People F...ing (2007) Aaron Abrams.		
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After	MTV News	MTV Presents: Summer		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	City Live After

Entertainment in brief

MUSIC The Jonas Brothers are nearing completion of their fourth album, due out June 15, which the trio says will take the band in new sonic directions. "This album is taking steps," Nick Jonas told Billboard.com during a teleconference Wednesday. "We're trying to learn as much as we can, continuing to grow." Kevin Jonas said, "The overall message is it's the same old Jonas Brothers, in a sense," but he noted that the group would be adding more instrumentation.

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VH1 resuscitates Behind the Music
VH1 is reviving its former signature series Behind the Music. The cable network is ordering about 10 new episodes of Music, bringing back the iconic documentary program that ran for seven years on VH1 starting in 1997. **HOLLYWOOD REPORTER**

Going Out

Mix of Six

Aisha n' Ben
When: March 19-21
Where: Telus Studio Theatre at the Chan Centre in UBC
A provocative play about the perils of success. Centered around a young Indo-Canadian starlet obsessed with skin whitening. Tix: $20-25.

Sonic Boom 2009
When: March 19-22, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Western Front, 303 East 8th Ave.
Four concerts of new music made from a collaboration of B.C. composers including Stephen Chatman and Jordan Nobles. Visit vancouverpromusica.ca.

Maria Juncal
When: March19-20, 8 p.m.
Where: Centennial Theatre
Award-winning Flamenco artist Maria Juncal sets the stage on fire with her interpretations of arte jondo. Tix: $30-40. 604-984-4484.

Hockey Nights In Film
When: March 18-20
Where: Vancouver International Film Centre
A quirky look at Canada's unofficial national sport by presenting a series of films and documentaries. Tix: $8-10. Visit vifc.org.

This Is Cancer?
When: March 19-21, 8 p.m.
Where: The Beaumont Studios
In a blend of comedy, improv, dance and tears, actor and cancer survivor Bruce Horak tells of his journey with the disease. Tix: $12.75-16. 604-684-2787.

This Mortal Flesh
When: March 19-21, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Where: Firehall Arts Centre
An erotic tease about profound love, delayed gratification and exploding flamingos. Visit firehallartscentre.ca.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Big Love
TELEVISION Big Love gave viewers a look inside Mormon sacred rituals earlier in the week, but did so with HBO first apologizing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

2 Cadbury Creme Eggs
FOOD The holiday is still a couple weeks away, but store shelves are already crammed fuller than the Easter bunny's basket — with Cadbury Creme Eggs, Lindt chocolate bunnies, and other candy treats sure to tempt shoppers.

3 Toronto Fashion Week
FASHION Toronto was the hub of action this week as hundreds of fashion fans gathered for the city's 10th annual fashion week. Runway shows included Joe Fresh (pictured right), Pink Tartan, Comrags, Andy Thé-Anh, Bustle, Linda Lundstrom and more. Even supermodel Iman praised Canada's style talent while in town for the season finale of Project Runway.

4 Barbie Mania
FASHION Designer David Dixon got rave reviews for his 40-piece fashion collection inspired by Barbie. The collection marks the doll's 50th anniversary and will be available for sale in September — so you too can dress like a Barbie girl.

5 Twilight hits shelves
DVD Twilight only screened in theatres a few months ago, but the DVD hits store shelves Saturday — giving every teen and tween the opportunity to pause the action and swoon at vampire Edward Cullen's brooding pouts.

6 Twitter
TECH More and more people and businesses are starting to tweet, including Metro, which launched at twitter.com/vancouvermetro on Monday. Not only that, but Metro went digital too, with BlackBerry and iPhone platforms — so you can get the top news and enter contests wherever you are. Visit metronews.ca to learn more.

7 Phish return
MUSIC A three-night celebration of the band Phish's return to the stage after a half decade away from music proved to be a good night for police too. According to reports, officers confiscated about $1.2 million in illegal drugs and more than $68,000 in cash from concertgoers, and arrested 194 Phish fans attending the Hampton, Va., concert last weekend.

Anniversary Pinocchio DVD shows strong sales

DVD A special 70th-anniversary edition of animated classic Pinocchio topped the national home video sales charts during the week ended March 15, buoyed in part by surprisingly strong Blu-ray Disc sales.

Of the Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment release's total sales, 15 per cent were in the high-definition format, a high number for a family title — and an indication that Blu-ray Disc may be moving beyond the early-adopter stage, which is dominated by young adult males.

Pinocchio debuted at No. 1 on both the Nielsen VideoScan First Alert sales chart.

Debuting at No. 2 on both charts was the comedy Role Models, which earned $67.3 million in theaters. Role Models turned in a surprisingly strong sales debut, with studio sources reporting that 25 per cent of the initial shipment was snatched up by consumers in the first day. After six days, a whopping 70 per cent of inventory was gone, translating into first-week sales of more than 2 million units.

The third spot on both sales charts went to Transporter 3, which earned $31.7 million at the box office.

Role Models and Transporter 3 also debuted at No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, on Home Media Magazine's rental chart for the week, bumping the previous week's top renter, Australia, to No. 3.

Beverly Hills Chihuahua, the top-selling home video release the previous week, slipped to No. 4 on the First Alert sales chart.

HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

Wonder what they'll grow up to be

Jenna Jameson has named her twins. The former adult film star and mixed martial arts fighter Tito Ortiz have named their babies Jesse Jameson and Journey Jett, according to femalefirst.co.uk. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Willis preparing to wed?

MARRIAGE Is Bruce Willis ready to walk down the aisle again? People.com says that according to a source, the actor and his girlfriend, model Emma Heming, are planning an intimate wedding this week in Turks & Caicos where the actor owns a home.

As rumours of possible nuptials have surfaced online, Willis's ex-wife Demi Moore and her husband, Ashton Kutcher — who both maintain a close friendship with Willis — arrived on the island Saturday, according to another source.

Meanwhile, according to an island source a block of ocean view rooms and private villas have been reserved for Willis' guests at a hotel near the actor's home. There is also another reason for Willis to celebrate: The actor, who has been dating Heming, 32, since last year, turned 54 yesterday. Willis' rep had no comment, people.com adds.

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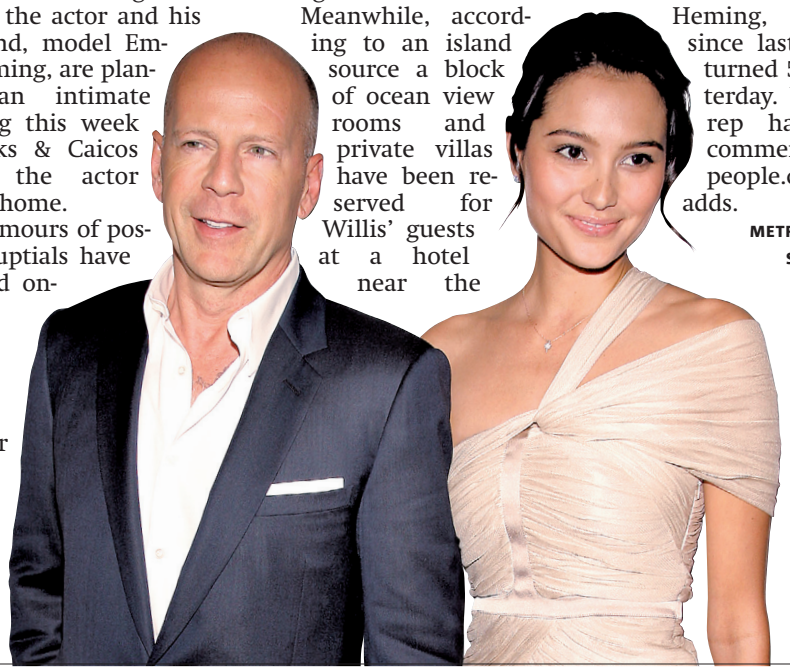

ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Franco stalked on campus

PEOPLE James Franco is being hounded by fans at Columbia University, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Pineapple Express actor — who is studying for a master of fine arts degree in Writing at the college — is finding it hard to walk around as there are always hoards of eager girls trying to catch a glimpse of him.

A source said: "Now that girls have figured out his schedule, every week there's a bigger crowd outside his lectures waiting just to see him leave. It's getting to be that there are so many people, it's embarrassing."

A university representative refused to comment on reports extra security teams will now be posted outside the actor's classes. The spokesman said: "We don't comment on matters of pop culture."

The 30-year-old actor graduated with a degree in English from the University of California, Los Angeles, last year. He then moved to New York to study at Columbia and at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, where he takes filmmaking classes.

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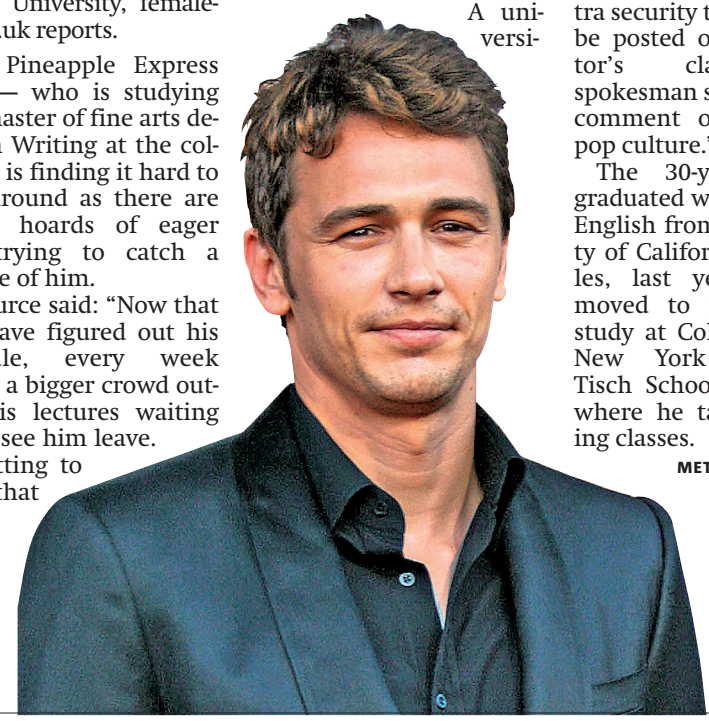

Co-star denying tryst with Rimes

AFFAIR Eddie Cibrian is fighting back against a report that claims he's having an affair with Northern Lights co-star LeAnn Rimes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"It is a fabricated story that is using random snapshots as connective tissue to create a scandalous relationship," Cibrian says in a statement first obtained by Access Hollywood. A Rimes friend tells People the country star, 26, and Cibrian, 35 — who is married with two sons — are not in a relationship.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ex says he's sorry

DIVORCE Marilyn Manson has told ex-wife Dita Von Teese he made "a big mistake," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The burlesque performer claims her former spouse regularly contacts her to apologize for the breakdown of their year-long marriage. Von Teese, who cited irreconcilable differences when she filed for divorce in 2006, said: "He has been in touch a little. The apologies come, and he was like, 'I made a big mistake.'"

The brunette beauty has previously spoken out about her decision to split from the goth rocker, claiming she couldn't support his "partying or relationship with another girl." It is believed Manson was having an affair with now-girlfriend actress Evan Rachel Wood.

Von Teese is unimpressed by Manson's attempts to repair the rift between them and is keen to move on with her life. She added to Inked magazine: "I'm like, 'Yeah, yeah, I know. Go ahead and say what you need to say to feel better and to sleep at night.'"

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Mayer snuffs rumours of Aniston tell-all book

DENIAL John Mayer's publicist was quick to quash rumors started by Star magazine that the singer was contemplating writing a steamy tell-all about his time with Jennifer Aniston.

The magazine had reported that Mayer "can't keep his mouth shut" and was ready to spill some dirty secrets — like about how Aniston once called him "Brad" while in bed.

Well, it turns out Mayer is no rat. "It is Star Magazine that is the rat, and they should be ashamed of the disgusting story they've written," Mayer's rep said in a statement to Access Hollywood.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Show me the money: Britney

BOOK Britney Spears turned down a $3-million US autobiography deal, because she wants more money, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Spears rejected multi-million dollar offers from executives at publishing houses HarperCollins, Random House and Little Brown — because they were a lot less than she expected. According to insiders, Spears is seeking a figure closer to $8 million, source tells Us Weekly, "She was hoping for much more money."

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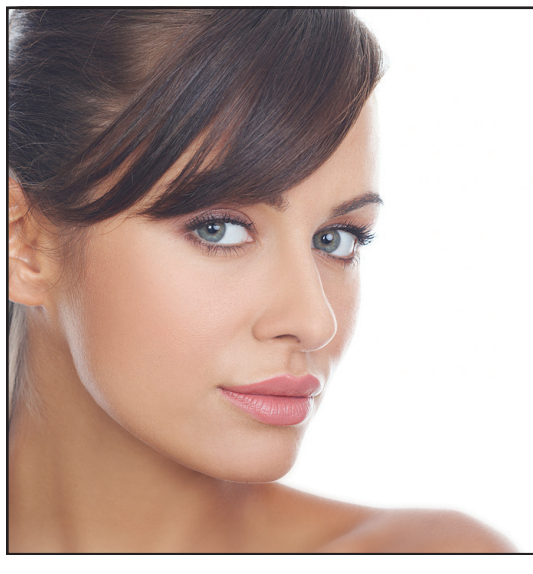

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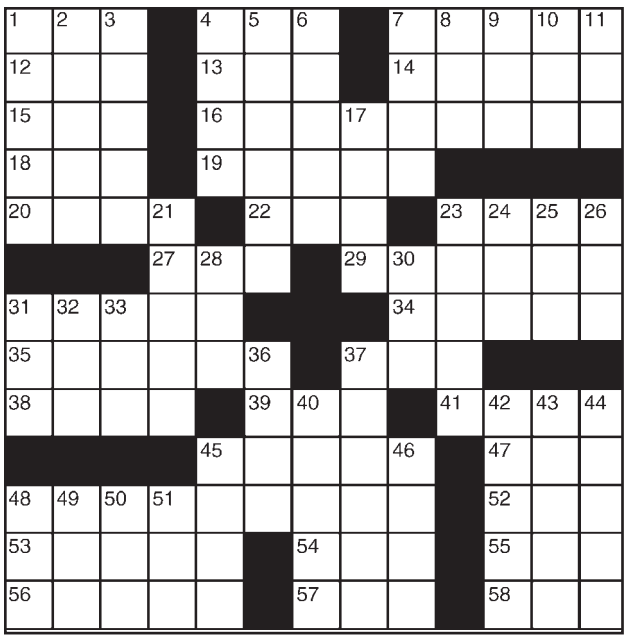

Crossword across

1 Suitable
4 Journal
7 Boasts
12 "Skip to My —"
13 Gorilla
14 Kidney-related
15 Under the weather
16 Eartha Kitt classic
18 — -relief
19 Calamari
20 Mosul's land
22 Work with
23 Crow's-nest cry
27 Multi-purpose truck
29 St. George's foe
31 Eagle's digs
34 "William Tell," e.g.
35 Plays for time
37 Royal insomnia cause
38 Huff and puff
39 "— the fields we go"
41 Galvanizing stuff
45 Dutch bloom
47 Long March leader
48 California city
52 Pump up the volume
53 Trojan War king
54 Luau side dish
55 "Gosh!"
56 Shrill barks
57 Conclusion
58 Mag. staffers

Crossword down

1 Excuse
2 On top of the world?
3 Oklahoma city
4 Colleen
5 Not transparent
6 Category
7 Actor Pitt
8 C.S.A. soldier
9 Literary collection
10 Chatter away
11 Crafty
17 Even
21 Colourful coverlet
23 Bolivian city
24 Census datum
25 Neither partner
26 "CSI" evidence
28 — Aviv
30 Caviar, essentially
31 Cleo's slayer
32 Greek vowel
33 Operated
36 Acerbic
37 Pen
40 Split to form a bond?
42 Mirror's offering
43 Appointed
44 Manages somehow
45 Midlothian millinery
46 Settled up
48 Agent
49 Exist
50 Zero
51 Spigot

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
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25+ min.....Keep practising

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Salmon Cakes with Creamy Tomato Sauce

INGREDIENTS:
1/4 cup (50 ml) sun-dried tomatoes (not oil packed)
4 garlic cloves, peeled
1/3 cup (75 ml) plain fat-free yogurt
1/2 tsp (2 ml) hot red pepper sauce
1 large baking potato, thinly sliced
1 can (14 3/4 ounces) pink salmon, drained
2 tbsp (25 ml) plus 1/2 cup plain dried bread crumbs
1/2 cup minced fresh dill
1 tbsp (15 ml) capers, rinsed and drained
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil

METHOD:
1. Cook sun-dried tomatoes and 2 garlic cloves in small pot of boiling water for 3 minutes. Drain, reserving 1/3 cup (75 ml) cooking liquid. Transfer tomatoes and garlic to mini food processor. Add reserved cooking liquid, yogurt and hot pepper sauce, and purée.
2. Meanwhile, cook potato and remaining 2 garlic cloves in medium pot of boiling water until tender, about 7 minutes. Drain and transfer to large bowl. With potato masher, mash potato and garlic.
3. Stir in salmon, 2 tbsp (25 ml) bread crumbs, dill, capers and salt. Shape salmon mixture into 8 cakes.
4. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Dredge salmon cakes in remaining 1/2 cup bread crumbs. Add to skillet and sauté until golden brown and heated through, about 3 minutes per side. Serve with tomato sauce.

SERVES 4

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You'll know when to do the right thing. People count on you to teach a good lesson. Ask a dumbfounded person to be patient.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Disregard fear and take action. A big mouth won't care about being overheard. Prosperity will astound disapproving parents.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone is trying to take advantage of you. Someone who adores you makes your dreams come true. You can be rather demanding about work.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your attitude can make or break a reunion. Time is running out to make a correction. A power surge enables you to communicate your needs.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Be scrupulous in organizing domestic affairs. Be tolerant of a family's reactions. Be glad that you listened to a sad anecdote.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A severe argument leads to depression. Be understanding when someone seems to have lost his mind. Get back to the basics.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
It's not possible to be too considerate. Someone is practical about a pathetic cry for help. A literal-minded person mocks your foibles.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A trustworthy champion wants more say in the future. Tension will give way to joy. You'll find a new way to win someone over.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A versatile warrior gets singled out for praise. You'll realize that someone misses you. Confusion comes from a challenging opinion.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A brooding man makes a shocking prediction. A domineering worker seeks a companion. You contribute to other people's easy spirits.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Find your way out of a strange situation. A friend shows the power of unconditional love. You'll single-handedly clear the air.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't let anyone down. You can follow your dream or be miserable. Someone's fears are rising to the surface.

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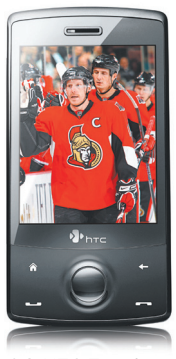

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